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## U.S. space shuttle returns safely

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, April 14 (Agencies) — America's rocketship Columbia and her two pilots swooped safely back to earth Tuesday, surviving a blazing, white-hot plunge from orbit and a heart-pounding landing on a hard-sand runway in the Mojave desert.

Columbia thus completed a historic maiden voyage by the world's first re-usable spacecraft.

With Astronaut John Young piloting the Columbia with a stick and heddle, like a giant glider, the shuttle came to a halt on a dry lakebed in this desert air after a 54-hour space flight in which it circled the earth 36 times.

When the shuttle touched down, the dried mud and salt crystals of the landing strips raked under its wheels. As it rolled to a stop, special decontamination teams rushed the site to check for potential problems before the astronauts were allowed to disembark.

Men wearing heavy protective clothing stepped out to the motionless Columbia with "sniffer" devices to see if there were any toxic fumes around the rocket engines.

For the first 45 minutes of their return, Young and Crippen had to remain on board Columbia, under a boiling sun, doing final checks of a voyage that made his-

Millions of people in the United States and abroad watched the successful landing on television.

The flight of the Columbia, fraught with dangers, opened a new era in man's attempt to conquer space by proving that re-usable craft can now be used.

"You're right on the money," mission control told astronauts Young and Crippen after they safely passed through the searing heat of earth's atmosphere and approached the California landing site.

"What a way to come to California," declared Crippen, who was returning from his first journey into space.

Hundreds of tourists and journalists at the Johnson Space Center in Houston broke out in wild applause and cheers as the landing gear kicked up dust on Rogers Lake in the Mojave desert.

The Columbia moved smoothly to a stop as special crews and equipment rushed to greet it.

"Welcome Home, Columbia — Beautiful, Beautiful," mission control said as the Columbia executed history's first controlled landing of a spacecraft. The landing took place just nine seconds behind schedule, according to mission control.

The revolutionary space vehicle, its bottom blowing red from the tremendous heat of friction as it hit the upper atmosphere at 26,500

kph, then began making the transition from space to aircraft.

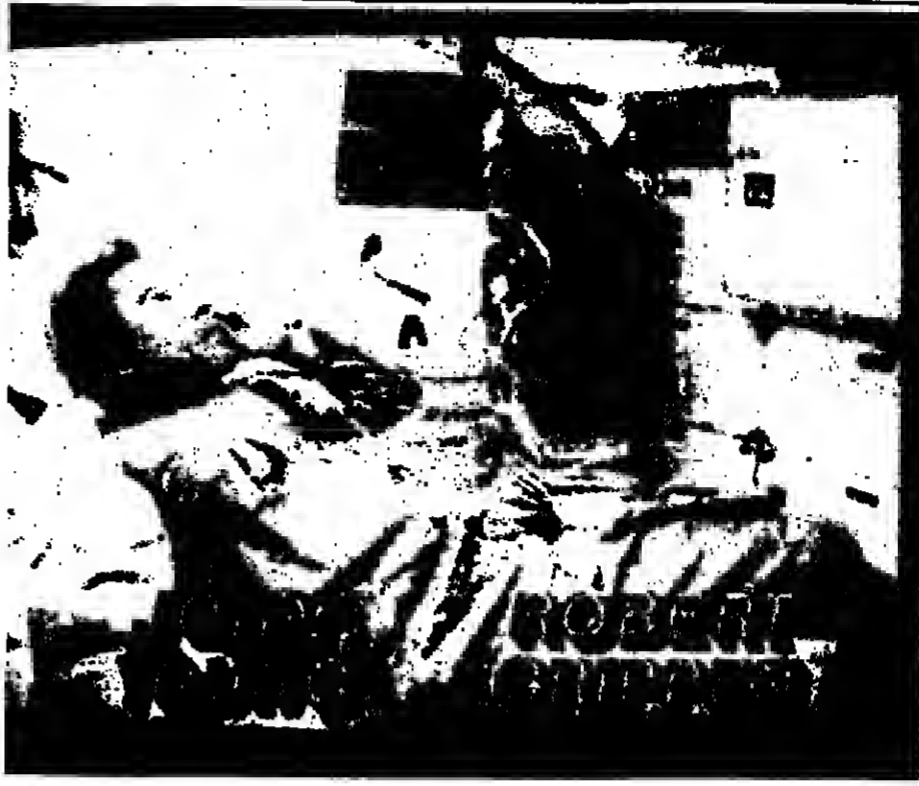
Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen earlier fired two rockets to slow the Columbia down and begin its daring aircraft-like descent — the first ever piloted landing of a spacecraft. The engine burn enabled the speeding spaceship to fall out of orbit and was triggered after the astronauts flipped the Columbia over so that its nose pointed backward.

The winged spacecraft was then to flip on to its "normal" landing attitude as the Columbia dropped from its orbital speed of about 17,000 miles.

The earth's thick atmosphere slowed the delta-winged craft down further but also heated up its exterior, especially the wing edges and underbelly, to temperatures approaching 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit (1,500 centigrade).

The searing heat — absorbed by the shuttle's advanced thermal protection system comprising more than 30,000 silica tiles — will black out the Columbia's communications with earth for about 17 minutes.

Columbia made its last few orbits Tuesday before the crucial flight back to earth. That began a new era for the United States in space travel. NASA officials said everything went well for the planned landing in the Mojave desert in southern California at 10.22 (18.22 GMT.)



FLOATING: Astronaut John Young, left, floats due to weightlessness while talking to Vice President George Bush Monday aboard the space shuttle Columbia. At right is astronaut Robert Crippen. Young told Bush over the radio hookup: "The spaceship is performing beautifully."

## Deputies trapped by fire

### Jordan envoy said released

BEIRUT, April 14 (Agencies) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan, Defense Minister Joseph Skaf and about 20 deputies emerged safely from the parliament building here Tuesday after being trapped inside by sniper fire, an informed source said.

The building is near the National Museum one of the demarcation points between east and west Beirut. Parliament president (speaker) Kamel Assad had called a meeting of the defense and foreign affairs committees Monday as the situation in Lebanon appeared to be returning to normal. But the meeting had barely begun at 1000 GMT when a shell exploded in front of the building, shattering windows, injuring an official and a police officer and forcing MPs to take cover.

A burst of gunfire followed, and then occasional sniper fire. The ministers and MPs were still trapped inside the building three hours later.

A communique from the command of the Syrian peacekeeping forces charged Rightist militias with opening mortar and sniper fire as the parliament's defense, administration and justice committees were holding separate meetings.

The communique said firing started at 1100 local time (0900 GMT) and was still under way two hours later, with peacekeeping forces refraining from shooting back "out of consideration for the safety of cabinet ministers and parliamentarians at Villa Mansour." The "Voice of Lebanon" radio station said one shell hit Defense Minister Joseph Skaf's limousine, parked at villa's courtyard, it said the car of another parliament member also was damaged.

In another development, Jordanian charge d'affaires Hisham Muhaissen, abducted from his Beirut apartment at gun point Feb. 6 along with his maid, was released Tuesday in the eastern city of Chtaura. "Voice of Lebanon" radio reported.

The radio said Muhaissen, missing for 99 days, returned to Beirut, west of Chtaura, and was staying at the apartment of a friend. He refused to comment, the radio said.

The radio did not mention Muhaissen's Lebanese maid, Muhaissen, Jordan's top diplomat in Lebanon, was abducted by gunmen firing rifles as they stormed his luxury apartment in the Inah neighborhood, on the road to Beirut's international airport.

Jordanian officials blamed Syria for the kidnapping, which resulted in a sharp deterioration of the already-strained relations between the two states.

In separate statements, Lebanon's nationalist Muslims and the Palestinian commandos came out publicly Tuesday against replacement of a Syrian peacekeeping army in Lebanon by a U.N. police force. They condemned

## .K.'s unions call for nationwide stoppage

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — Leaders of Britain's civil service unions called nationwide stoppages by 530,000 white-collar government employees Tuesday after the Royal Yacht in technicians to rearm a nuclear submarine in a strike-bound base with torpedoes.

Half-day strikes were expected to start throughout Britain at lunchtime and all government offices were likely to be affected as they stepped up a five-week-old disruption of a pay dispute. But government spokesmen declared the walkouts "will not change government's attitude." The civil servants want a 15 per cent pay increase. But the Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, battling to keep wages down in the face of inflation, has offered only seven per cent.

Civil service pay ranges from £4,500 (\$

9,000) a year for lower-echelon personnel, such as clerks, to £20,000 (\$44,000) for departmental heads.

The walkouts followed warnings from strike leaders they would stage a "massive protest" if the navy used service personnel to rearm the submarine, HMS Resolution, at the Faslane base on Scotland's west coast.

Faslane on the Clyde River near Glasgow is the base for Britain's force of four nuclear submarines armed with Polaris missiles.

The work is normally done by some 40 civilian personnel who are on strike as part of the campaign by Britain's nine civil service unions. Resolution's torpedoes have conventional explosive warheads. The sub's 16 nuclear missiles have not been involved in the Faslane confrontation.

A defense department spokesman said the navy technicians were ordered into Faslane after top-level decisions by Mrs. Thatcher

and defense chiefs. "Maintaining Britain nuclear deterrent is of paramount importance," the spokesman said. "The government will not permit anything to interfere with the operation of Britain's nuclear deterrent."

Strike organizers reported that some 1,200 other civil servants at Faslane and other Polaris installations in Scotland will spearhead the new walkouts.

Tuesday's escalation was expected to worsen massive snarls in the government machine caused by the strikes. They have deprived the hard-pressed Conservative government of more than £1 billion (\$2.1 billion) in state revenue and hampered electronic intelligence gathering by top-secret communications monitoring bases.

Striking customs and immigration personnel have imposed a "total blockade" on all trade with Ireland, cutting off some 60 per cent of all exports from the Irish Republic.

## Brixton leaders urge peace

LONDON, April 14 (Agencies) — Black community leaders in racially mixed Brixton urged conciliation Tuesday, taking the first tentative steps toward securing peace after four nights of street rioting in the South London district. Guyanese-born lawyer Ruddy Narayan, chairman of the Brixton defense committee set up to represent 207 persons arrested since Friday night, said a mass rally planned in Brixton for the weekend could be canceled if it seemed likely to create more trouble.

Police have said the rally, expected to be attended by racially concerned groups from 25 cities, was a potential further flashpoint. Narayan also made a gesture toward repairing community-police relations, badly damaged by the fighting between predominantly black stone-throwing youths and officers. He described Brixton's police chief, deputy assistant commissioner Leslie Walker, as "a great human being."

Courtesy Laws, black director of the Brixton neighborhood community association, urged local youngsters to see where their true interests lay.

"This is not in the politics of confrontation and anarchic violence but in conciliation and negotiation," Laws said in a statement. He urged Brixton's youth to resist being used "as cannon-fodder" for revolutionary outsiders. London's police chief, Sir David McNea, has said agitators from elsewhere may have instigated the violence, which brought mass looting, rioting and arson in the worst civil unrest on the British mainland this century.

Three policemen were injured and 16 persons arrested in another outbreak of stoning, looting and fire-bombing in Brixton late Monday night. But the disturbances were sporadic and not on the same scale as those of Saturday and Sunday. The area was quiet Tuesday. The government announced Monday an official inquiry into the riots by a senior judge, Lord Scarman, who had previously

reported on the causes of civil rights riots in Northern Ireland in 1969. Lord Scarman said in a radio interview Tuesday that he would investigate the underlying causes of the Brixton eruption and not simply police conduct. Some locals have said heavy-handed police tactics in the high-crime district have contributed to community unrest.

Community leaders have also blamed the district's high unemployment — twice the national rate of 10.3 per cent — poor housing and general amenities. Brixton's West Indian community, the biggest in Britain, forms one third of the area's population but accounts for half its jobless school-leavers, officials said.

Opposition Labor home affairs spokesman Roy Hattersley Tuesday accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government of trying to limit the range of Lord Scarman's inquiry. "The prime minister's broadcast Monday gave me the impression that whilst Scarman would make an honest report, the government would not react honestly to it," Hattersley told a news conference.

Mrs. Thatcher said Monday that she did not think unemployment was a primary cause of the rioting, which she described as criminal, unjustified and utterly wrong. Conservative member of parliament John Carlisle demanded Tuesday that Brixton rioters be deported. He told reporters he wanted a law to allow the expulsion even of non-whites born in Britain to their families' country of origin.

Extreme right-wing parliamentarian Enoch Powell has already called for British non-whites to be sent back to their ancestral countries in large numbers to avert a racial civil war. Brixton health authorities Tuesday asked people in the riot area to boil all water. There was a real danger of disease among the damaged buildings, according to senior environmental health officer Edward Simon.

About 20 shops and houses were burned down or badly damaged in the riots. Damage has been officially estimated at about \$22 million.

## Afghans hit Soviet convoys

MOSCOW, April 14 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union indicated Tuesday that the situation was unsettled in southern Afghanistan, where the roads seem to be partly controlled by Afghan freedom fighters resisting Kabul government and its Soviet-backed Communist Party organ Pravda, in search from its correspondent in Afghanistan said convoys of provisions for villages the Pakistan frontier were having trouble.

The paper reported: The roads are mined, as were sometimes destroyed and the Afghan fighters spring ambushes from time to time.

Freedom fighters recently captured and killed four Soviet army officers, a Soviet Afghan exile in New Delhi reportedly said. The Russians were captured in heavy fighting in the first week of the Pakhtiya province, sprinkled with mines and burned to death, Saeed Muhaideb Maivand, a former planning official of the Kabul government, told reporters, quotifying information brought by travelers from Pakistan.

The Pakhtiya fighting the Soviets suffered casualties, losing seven tanks and a quantity of weapons and ammunition, and said, quoting the reports from his land.

Senior diplomatic sources in Islamabad while said that Afghan army units had replaced by Soviet armor at strategic points of southern Afghan city of Kandahar. Afghan fighters, said by their organizations number 3,000 inside Kandahar, a city of 60 people, reportedly carry out frequent harassment of Afghan army units.

Diplomats said that despite numerous Soviet troops in mid-February by Soviet and in troops on areas held by liberators, the Soviets have continued to destroy Afghan and patrol vehicles in the city center.



DISCUSSIONS: U.S. President Ronald Reagan meets with Vice President George Bush as Secretary of State Alexander Haig reports Monday on his trip to the Middle East and Europe.

## Haig reports on trip

### Reagan keeps abreast of events

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, still on pencil to ward off infection from his bullet wound, is keeping abreast of "everything that's going on" while he recuperates in the White House living quarters, a spokesman says.

Aides are sending the president "a lot of material" to read and sign in his living quarters, where he is expected to spend most of the week while he regains his strength, Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Monday.

"He's making decisions that are required. He's kept abreast of everything that's going on," Speakes said.

Reagan's personal physician, Dr. Daniel

Ruge, said through Speakes that his patient was "doing extremely well." Another chest X-ray showed Reagan's damaged lung continuing to clear of debris from the wound, Speakes said.

Outside the Reagan family and the top three White House aides, the president's only visitors Monday were Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. and Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, both reporting on their recent trips abroad, and Vice President George Bush.

"We're trying to watch his schedule a little bit," Bush said. "He looked well. Like everything else, he needs rest."

## Winners of Pulitzer prizes in arts, journalism announced

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — A Confederacy of Dunces, by the late John Kennedy Toole, has captured the 1981 Pulitzer prize in fiction. Beth Henley's *Crimes of the Heart*, was awarded the prize in drama.

The prizes were announced Monday by Columbia University President Michael I. Sovern.

The history prize went to Lawrence A. Clemm's *American Education: The National Experience, 1783 - 1876*. The biography award went to Robert K. Massie for *Peter the Great: His Life and World*.

James Schuyler captured the poetry prize for *The Morning of the Poem*. The award in general non-fiction went to Carl E. Schorske for *Fin-De-Siecle Vienna: Politics and Culture*.

On the recommendation of the nominating jury, no prize was awarded for a distinguished musical composition by an American.

Other nominations in the fiction category were *Godric* by Frederick Buechner and *So*

*Long, See You Tomorrow*, by William Maxwell. The nominating committee did not list other nominees in the drama category.

Other nominations for the history award

## PLO's Pulitzer share disputed

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization may not be legally entitled to its inheritance from a Pulitzer prize-winning reporter, according to a New York judge.

Surrogate Marie Lambert on Monday ordered a hearing to determine whether the PLO should get 10 per cent of the estate of Fred Sparks, who won a Pulitzer in 1951 for reporting in Berlin for the defunct *Chicago Daily News*. Before he died on Feb. 18 in New York City at the age of 65, Sparks stated in his will the PLO should get 10 per cent of his will. It was not immediately known what Sparks' will was worth. Although there was no formal objection to the 1975 will, according to the judge, "a question has arisen in the court's mind whether such an organization has the capacity under New York laws to receive such a bequest and whether such a bequest is violative of public policy."

Others nominated for poetry were: *The Right Madness on Skye*, by Richard Hugo, and *Selected Poems*, by Mark Strand.

In the non-fiction category, other nominat-

## Six British Laborites made peers

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — The appointment of six new life peers from the opposition socialist Labor Party was announced early Tuesday, despite the party's pledge to abolish the country's ancient, unelected and largely hereditary upper house.

The six Laborites, mainly former members of the House of Commons, but including the widow of an assassinated British ambassador, were among a list of 15 life peers announced by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Of the others, eight were supporters of the ruling Conservative Party and one a member of the small centrist Liberal Party.

Labor leader Michael Foot, 67, two of whose brothers are life peers, said the nominations were because current Labor peers were overworked. But Foot said the party remained committed to abolition of the 785-year-old upper house, which to left-wing

critics embodies the British class system.

"I recommended their appointment because it would have been unfair to the few who have been carrying the burden so far not to have responded to request to supplement their number," Foot said in a statement.

Since its May 1979 defeat by the Tories, Labor had previously refused to nominate new peers to join its generally ageing and diminishing line-up in the Lords. At its annual conference last autumn, the Labor party, amid a series of victories for its left wing, voted for abolition of the Lords.

The only woman among the Labor peers was Jane Ewart-Biggs, 51, whose husband Christopher was assassinated in 1976 by Irish bombers while he was British ambassador to the Republic of Ireland. The other Laborites were five retired members of the commons, four of whom were junior ministers.

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## King back in Riyadh

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — King Khaled returned here from Jeddah after a three-day visit during which he opened a number of projects including the new King Abdul Aziz International Airport. He was accompanied by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and other princes and ministers.

He was welcomed at Riyadh airport by Prince Muhammad ibn Saud; Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard; Prince Sattam ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy governor of Riyadh and other dignitaries.

The King was seen off in Jeddah by Makkah Governor Prince Majed and other senior officials and officers.

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To continue cooperation

# Kingdom, Yemen reach accord

JEDDAH, April 14 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Yemen Arab Republic agreed to maintain their level of cooperation and coordinate policies in every field to preserve the peace and stability of the Arabian Peninsula and keep it outside the international rivalries.

These objectives were affirmed in a joint communiqué issued at the end of meetings of the Saudi Arabian-Yemeni Coordination Council which reviewed economic and political cooperation. The council meets periodically here and in Yemen. The Saudi Arabian side was led by Defense Minister Prince Sultan and included several ministers while the Yemeni side was led by Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al Thawr who was accompanied by ministers and senior aides.

The two countries also agreed to work closely in the interest of their peoples and develop their potentialities.

Politically, they affirmed their policy of warding off foreign interference, western or eastern, and to adhere to the tenets of Islam and maintain their Arabic character and belonging.

"The security of the states of the Peninsula," they said "is the sole responsibility of the states themselves." They will not allow any attempts by anybody to interfere in its peace, independence or territorial integrity by imposing influence and hegemony, they said.

The two delegations showed an identity of views regarding international issues and they

reviewed with satisfaction the bilateral relations and the constant growth in cooperation. They reviewed the Saudi Arabian support to Yemen and studied fresh proposals for economic and development assistance.

While the Saudi Arabian government agreed to maintain and increase its development aid it also offered to maintain its budgetary support to Yemen by SR.345 million a year.

Following are details of project aid: In education, the Kingdom has already completed 55 projects of various kinds and has agreed to build three new secondary schools and increase the number of teachers it provides the country by 150 to 1223 in addition to 266 Saudi Arabian educators. The Kingdom pays the salaries of both categories. Teachers training institutes will also be built in the country.

In health care, the Kingdom has completed 12 projects including hospitals, and will build five more.

It will build ten more mosques in addition to the 24 already completed and 17 extensively repaired.

Fifty new artesian wells will be dug and equipped in addition to 39 already handed over to the government.

The Kingdom has agreed to develop and expand the present airport of Sanaa, its capital and to provide it with modern equipment while it supplies additional equipment to the airports of Taiz and Hodeidah.

The Saudi Development Fund and the agricultural ministries of both countries will study the feasibility of a rural development plan for Jof region to the tune of SR127 million as requested by the Yemeni side. The Kingdom will also complete the remaining part of the Sanaa ring road and continue to build the roads already marked in previous agreements.

Other aid projects include building a law institute and several courts, completing the microwave link between Taiz and Hodeidah and increasing the fertilizer subsidy to 20,000 tons a year, and building the offices of the Yemen news agency.



(Photo by Khaled Khaled)  
AERIAL VIEW: The two downtown bridges which ease traffic congestion in the area facing the sea in Jeddah. The adjacent lot now holds parking spaces for 10,000 vehicles.

## OIC condemns Israeli attacks on Lebanon

JEDDAH, April 14 (SPA) — The Organization of Islamic Conference denounced the continued Israeli attacks on Lebanon and the Zionist designs on that country which take the form of open interference in its affairs. The Secretary General Habib Chatti, said the OIC would like to remind the world of the resolutions of the Taif Islamic summit conference which upheld the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon. It also called on the various Lebanese parties to settle their differences and restore normal life to it.

He urged the big powers to attend to the Lebanese tragedy and put pressure on Israel to withdraw from the occupied parts of the country and make way for the legitimate power to extend its influence without foreign interference.



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**Asir seminar opened**  
JEDDAH, April 14 — Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al Faisal opened the fifth seminar of the Saudi Arabian Biological Sciences Society Tuesday. The seminar, held at the Abha Education College, will last four days.

More than 110 research papers will be presented at the seminar. They will cover botany, zoology, environment and microscopic creatures and other subjects. The seminar will present studies about the camel for the first time.

Riyadh University Rector Dr. Mansour Ibrahim Al-Turki and Abha College Dean Dr. Mazed Ibrahim Al-Mazeed attended the opening ceremony together with 250 scientists who are participating in the seminar.

**COMMENT**  
By Abdullah Idris Al Bilal

Now that the vast King Abdul Aziz international airport has been opened, it is yet to be seen how much serious thinking will be given to the utilization of the old airport. There are already some divergent views on this subject. Some suggest that the area of the old airport be turned into a park, some others want the land to be sold by public auction. Or, maybe, a housing problem erupts and a fleet of houses is constructed there for the people of the limited income group.

The residents of such areas as Hayy Al-Salamah, Macarona street and Al-Hamra would do well to move there, for who knows one day these are declared old and their houses razed for reconstruction! Such a situation may arise in the year 2000, or even sooner. Then, the new airport would perhaps become a special parking place for spacecraft passing through the city!

It might also be that the new airport one day becomes one of the causes of pollution, and the state appoints a special machinery whose task would be to investigate the causes of pollution and to find remedial measures for this phenomenon.

All these are mere apprehensions which, at present, are not as important as the fact that the problem of the old airport has been eliminated after the opening of the King Abdul Aziz international airport. With this big achievement, we cannot but cooperate with those who contributed to the building process and who would man this giant public facility now and in the future.

**Investors show interest in Pakistan**  
JEDDAH, April 14 — Saudi Arabian investors have put up proposals for setting up industries in the Export Processing Zone in Pakistan, official sources said.

The zone, a duty-free industrial estate free from all import and export restrictions, is being developed near Karachi. It is open to foreign investors to set up industries there independently or in collaboration with Pakistanis and others.

The other investors who have submitted proposals for industries in the zone come mainly from the United States, West Germany, Britain and Japan.

The investors can establish an industry of their choice so long as it does not come in conflict with a similar industry in the country's tariff area. Preference will, however, be given to heavy and sophisticated industries such as electronics, machinery and machine tools, the sources said.

The zone will spread over 3,000 acres of land. About 200 acres will be ready within the few months to accommodate nearly 25 factories.

The estate lies on the international air and sea routes and will be served by two seaports — Karachi and Qasim — and one airport. It is to be linked with the rest of the country by rail and road networks.

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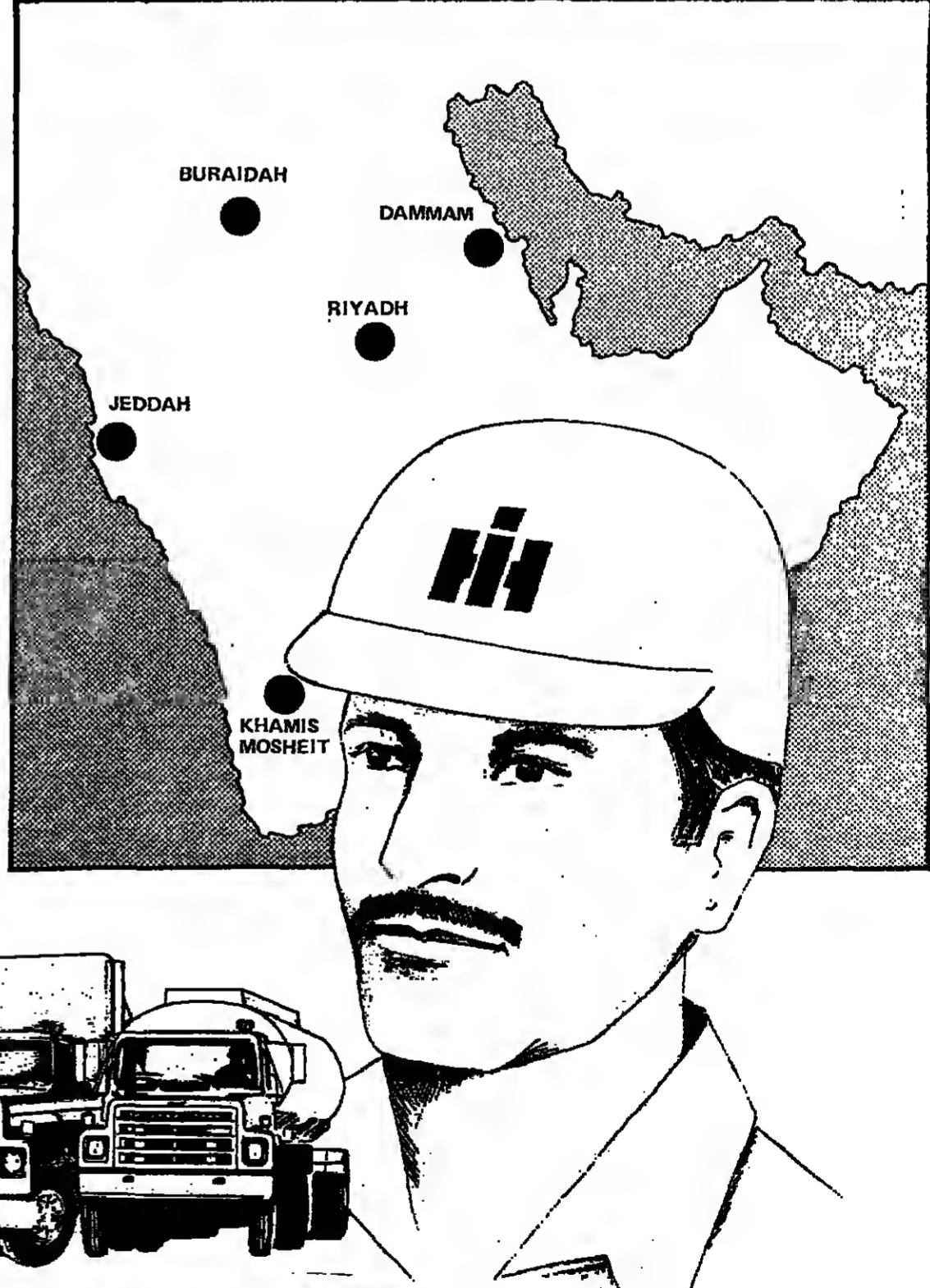


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# Gulf marine panel to be formed shortly

By Ayman Zahid

JEDDAH, April 14 — A regional organization for the protection of the Arabian Gulf marine environment will be announced officially next week.

An agreement to establish the organization, proposed by the U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP), was signed in Jeddah in January, 1980, by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Iran.

The board of the organization will meet in Kuwait Monday, and will be attended by an, according to Meteorology and Environment Protection Agency officials here.

Dr. Abdul Bar Al-Galo, MEPA vice-director, told Arab News Tuesday that the board's meeting will be preceded by a meeting of experts and another preparatory one. The eight Gulf states will contribute \$60 million to implement the marine environment protection program, Gain said.

Besides announcing the creation of the regional organization, the board's meeting will conclude an agreement to protect the Gulf environment and establishing a regional center for control of pollution resulting from oil in emergencies. Bahrain was proposed to be the location of the regional center, Dr. Gain said.

The marine environment protection organization major objectives will be establishing a regional marine meteorological center to be based in the Kingdom; building national marine meteorological offices in each member country; installing an effective observation and telecommunications system; and promoting research and training.

Saudi Arabia is also contributing 70 per cent of the expenses of implementing a Red Sea and Aden Gulf marine environment protection program. The Kingdom hosted meetings of the Red Sea program, Dr. Gain said. Jeddah was chosen to be the headquarters as well as the regional center.



MEETING: Prince Badr ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard meets Monday with Canada's Minister of Foreign Trade Edward Lamly who is visiting country.

## Offending merchants fined

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Tuesday ordered the punishment of five merchants for breaking the supply regulations. The decision was based on a report by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim.

The decision included fines of SR 2,000 each imposed on three merchants from Riyadh and Taif for not placing price tags on their merchandise. Sulaiman Muhammad

Sulaiman Al-Badr, Hassan Yahya Al-Faqih of Riyadh, and Dawood Muhammad Kashgari from Taif were ordered to publish the verdicts in local newspapers at their expense.

Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Dris from Riyadh and Muhammad Kurban Kashgari from Taif were also fined SR 1,000 each for not putting price tags on some of the goods displayed in their stores. They will also publish the Interior Ministry decision at their expense.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, April 14 (SPA) — Bangladesh Interior Minister Mustapha Azizul Rahman will pay a four-day official visit to the Kingdom starting Saturday. The minister will perform the Umra before holding talks with Interior Minister Prince Naif in Riyadh. Their talks will deal with bilateral relations and cooperation. He will also meet Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, Muslim World League secretary general.

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — The Republic of China statistical department director, Tseng Heng, will arrive in Riyadh Saturday on a four-day visit to the Kingdom. The Chinese official will hold talks with Ali Al-Rashed, director of the general statistical department, on cooperation and exchange of information.

JEDDAH, April 14 (SPA) — The Finnish deputy foreign minister, Paavo Ranpanen, and his delegation left here for home Tuesday after attending meetings of the Saudi Arabian-Finnish Joint Commission. The meetings centered on promoting technical and economic cooperation between the Kingdom and Finland.

RIYADH, April 14 (SPA) — Deputy Health Minister Dr. Hamad Al-Sughair, on behalf of Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-

Jazaeri, opened a meeting of regional health directors in the Kingdom Tuesday. The meeting discussed amalgamation of curative and preventive medicine services and evaluation of vaccination and medical surveys.

DAMMAM, April 14 (SPA) — The number of primary, intermediate and secondary schools in the Eastern Province reached 214 in the current academic year. There are 2,225 classes in these schools, according to Nasser Al-Musained, Eastern Province education director general, Tuesday.

## Between India, Pakistan Saud urges common strategy

NEW DELHI, April 14 (AFP) — Visiting Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal Tuesday called for a common strategy by India and Pakistan towards elimination of tension from their area.

Answering questions at a press conference here at the end of a three-day official visit, he said the Middle East and Southwest Asia were regions of tension due to the arms flow and military presence of super-powers.

Saudi Arabia felt these tensions could be avoided if the countries of the region put up a joint front against foreign military presence and the flow of super-power arms.

Asked his views on the U.S. decision to supply arms to Pakistan, Prince Saud said it was a result of the continuous build-up of tension and the flow of arms to various parts of the region.

As for reported Pakistani plans to manufacture a nuclear bomb, he said the Pakistani government had denied this and Saudi Arabia accepted the denial.

The minister also denied that his country had accepted two Pakistani army divisions and said Saudi Arabia only cooperated with Pakistan in military training. He also refuted suggestions that U.S. arms to Pakistan were being paid for by Saudi Arabia.

Indian officials had conveyed to Prince Saud during talks here India's concern over reports that Pakistan was buying U.S. arms through funds provided by Saudi Arabia.

On his talks with Foreign Minister Rao, Prince Saud noted that they were extensive and said he found a community of interests in many subjects and in many areas.

Other topics covered in his talks here included the Palestinian problem and the Iran-Iraq war.

## Traffic week coming

JEDDAH, April 14 — A traffic week throughout the Kingdom will begin Saturday to strengthen respect for the rules and improve safety awareness, according to traffic department sources. During this week all traffic offices will remain open and leaves cancelled so that they may continue to offer their services to the public.

On the Afghan situation, he said the two countries favored withdrawal of foreign troops from that country, non-interference in the internal affairs and respect for the non-aligned status of Afghanistan.

Earlier Prince Saud signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement under which the two countries would encourage investment and flow of capital, joint ventures and exchange of goods and products between them.

Prince Saud will leave for Nepal Wednesday, and then proceed to Sri Lanka.

After his visit to Bangladesh joint communique in Dacca said the two countries expressed anxiety over the increasing, unjust Zionist aggression on the Arab and Islamic world, including the Palestinian people, in violation of the United Nations Charter and other international covenants.

The communique released at the end of Prince Saud's three-day visit to Dacca and his talks with Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Shamsul Haq, said the two countries affirmed their determination to cooperate in speeding up the implementation of the resolutions of the Third Summit Conference held in Taif in January. (The resolutions, along with the Makkah Declaration are considered a new Charter for the Islamic world).

The two foreign ministers reaffirmed their dear-cut policy which calls for abidance by the aims and objectives enunciated in the United Nations Charter and that of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. They hoped that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries will be respected.

They, again, underscored the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. They stood against the use of force and advocated the resolving of all disputes through peaceful means. The two ministers emphasized the need for unity and solidarity among Islamic states.

In this respect, they called for more cooperation among OIC member states in all fields — political, economic, commercial or cultural. They said that the summit resolutions provided a framework for increasing cooperation among Islamic countries and peoples to ensure their political and economic security.

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Asr (Evening)	3.54	3.50	3.22	3.11	3.35	6.07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.41	6.45	6.16	6.04	6.29	7.00
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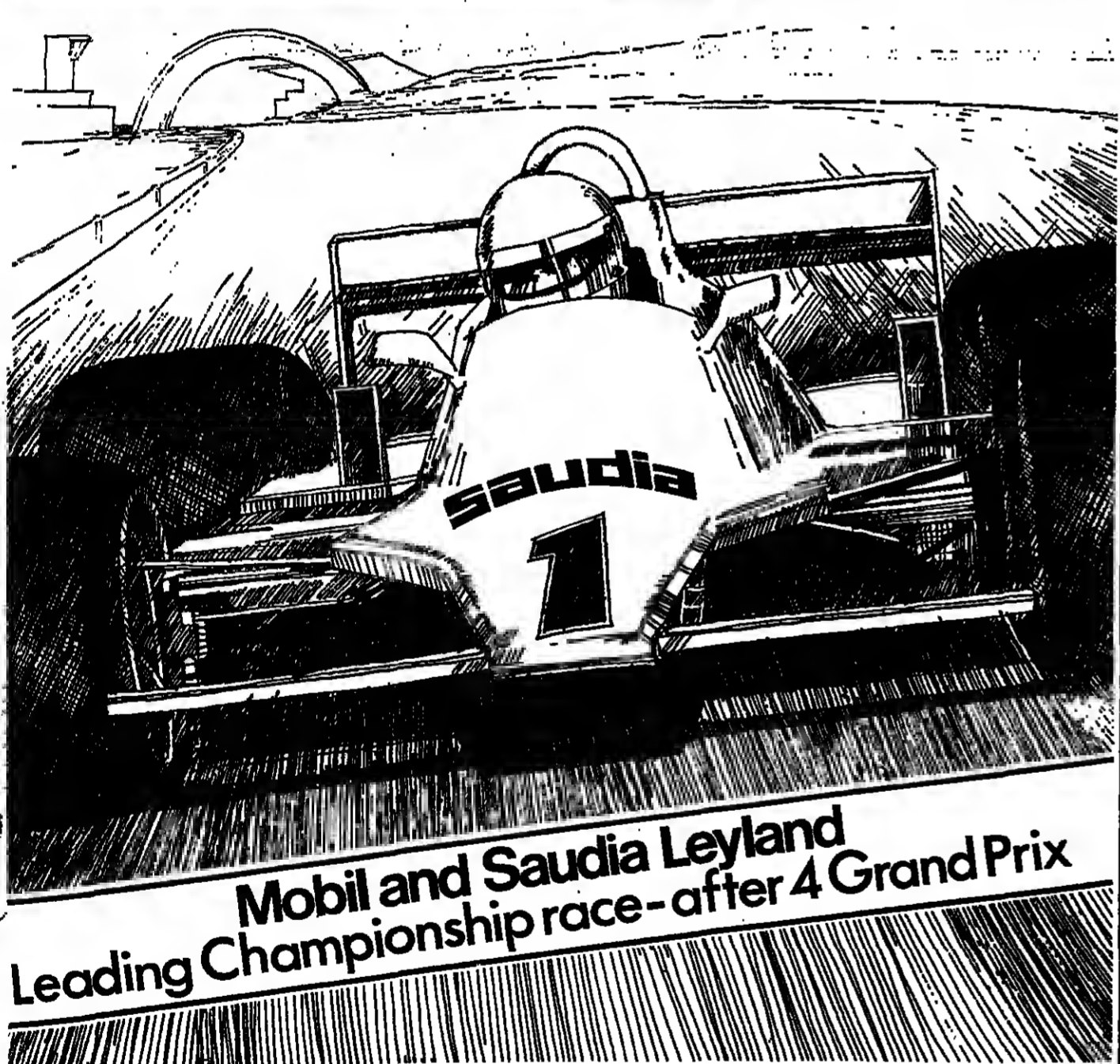
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To discuss Europe's role

# Klaauw, Arafat talks planned for Friday

THE HAGUE, April 14 (AP) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher Van Der Klaauw plans to meet Yasser Arafat in Damascus Friday to discuss a possible European role in achieving a comprehensive Middle East peace.

A foreign ministry spokesman said Tuesday that Van Der Klaauw, now chairman of the European council of foreign ministers, will meet Lebanese leaders in Beirut before traveling to Syria to see the Palestine Liberation Organization leader. The minister also has scheduled a visit with United Nations peacekeeping forces, including Dutch troops.

## Cyprus minister seeks Kuwait aid

KUWAIT, April 14 (AP) — Cypriot Foreign Minister Nicholas Rolandis arrived in Kuwait Monday on a three-day official visit. Rolandis is to hold talks here with senior officials on bilateral relations and prospects of fresh Kuwaiti economic aid to Cyprus. Rolandis who flew to Kuwait from Bahrain is also due to meet with Emir Sheikh Jaber

in southern Lebanon on Easter Sunday.

Van Der Klaauw is representing the European community under the Dutch presidency of the EC from January to June. He has visited Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Morocco, Tunisia and Washington to determine the role Europe might play in the Middle East under the EC declaration in Venice last June.

In that statement, the heads of government declared that all parties in the Mideast conflict must play a role in an overall peace settlement, including the PLO. The declaration said the EC should contact all the parties to determine the form of a potential European initiative.

Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, the Kuwait ruler. In Bahrain, Rolandis conferred with ruler Sheikh, Issa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa and Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Bin Mobarak. Rolandis visits are part of an effort by the Cyprus government to persuade the Arab states to continue supporting Cyprus in its efforts to restore the unity of the Mediterranean island following the Turkish invasion that resulted in a de-facto partition.

## Pakistani fatally stabbed in train

ISLAMABAD, April 14 (AP) — A Pakistani traveling on the Khyber Mail express was fatally stabbed Monday after his wife was looked in their compartment's toilet, the man's wife said Tuesday.

Mrs. Shehnaz Hussain accused an unnamed family servant of murdering her husband Akhtar and stealing \$12,000 in cash contained in a brief case, it said.

Authorities were searching for the servant who reportedly escaped from the train. Mrs. Hussain told railway police that the servant broke into their compartment at 2:30 a.m. Monday armed with a dagger, locked her in the toilet and then stabbed her husband. The body was discovered when Mrs. Hussain's screams were heard at Hyderabad station, southern Pakistan.

## Iran executes seven

TEHRAN, April 14 (R) — Seven persons were executed in Tehran Monday, six of them in public, on charges of drug-dealing, the official Pars News Agency reported. Pars said the offenders, including a woman, had been found guilty by a special court of smuggling and distributing heroin and her narcotics. The agency said the men faced firing squads in city streets but the woman was shot in prison. One of those executed was described as an internationally known drug dealer.

## Egypt probes corruption under Nasser

CAIRO, April 14 (R) — A parliamentary committee was set up Monday at the request of President Anwar Sadat to investigate allegations of corruption during the rule of former Egyptian leader Gamal Abdel Nasser made in a book written by Deputy Prime Minister Osman Ahmad Osman.

In his book entitled "My Experience," Osman, a wealthy builder, said he had built villas in the 1960s for former Egyptian leaders. He did not name the leaders. Each villa was built at a cost of \$3,600 dollars while the real cost exceeded, \$143,000, he wrote.

Osman also said a former prime minister asked him to sell government land to a Kuwaiti company but he refused because the plot was part of a cultivated area which Egypt badly needed.

## Palestinians' appeal rejected

TEL AVIV, April 14 (Agencies) — The Israeli supreme court Tuesday rejected an appeal filed by Palestinian editors, confined to house arrest in their West Bank towns last summer, to be allowed into Jerusalem each day to work.

Muamun Sayed, editor of *Al-Aseer*, Akram Haniyeh of *Al-Shaab* and Bashir Barghuti of the weekly magazine *Al-Taliaa*, were confined to their homes in Ramallah and El Bireh August 7 last year on charges of belonging to the outlawed Palestinian "National Guidance Committee", which opposes Israel's Camp David peace agreement with Egypt. Most Palestinian mayors, trade union leaders and other leading community figures belong to the committee.

Their lawyer, Felicia Langer, told the court the military committee that passed judgement on the case had provided a "rubber-stamp for the West Bank military commander and

## S. Yemen, Oman to continue talks Under Kuwait, UAE auspices

KUWAIT, April 14 (AP) — Kuwait's foreign minister, returning from a visit to South Yemen and Oman, said Tuesday he had discussed means of "foiling superpower rivalries" with the leaders of the Arabian peninsula states. The talks were inconclusive and the mediation efforts will continue, he added.

## Hussein to visit U.S. next month

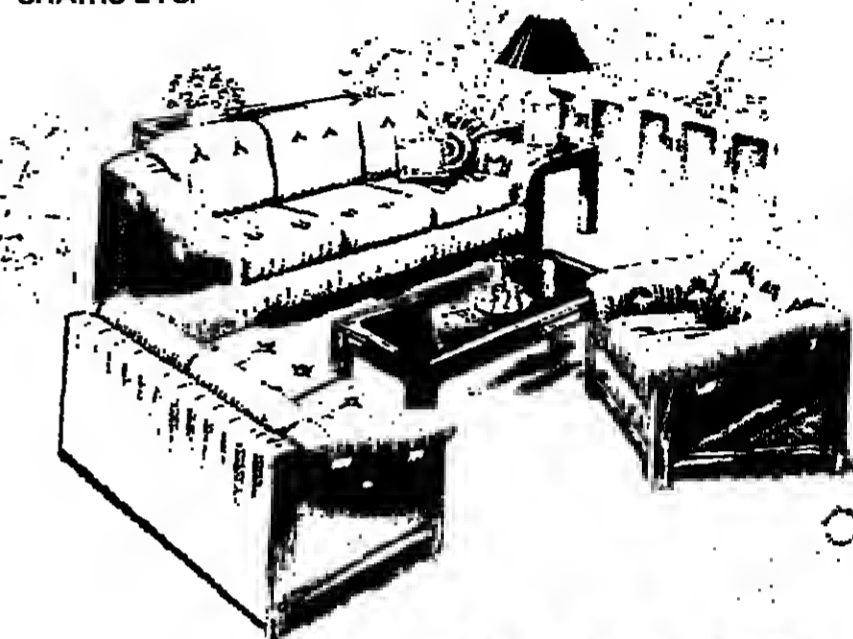
KUWAIT, April 14 (AFP) — King Hussein of Jordan will visit Washington in the first two weeks of next month for talks with President Ronald Reagan, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Anbaa* said Tuesday.

Citing a reliable Jordanian source, the newspaper said the king would visit the Gulf countries before heading for Washington, apparently to examine with Gulf leaders questions to be tackled at his talks with the U.S. president, notably those concerning the Middle East.

Accompanied by United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah met with South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad and Oman's Sultan Qaboos. Liberation of Oman in Oman's western province. Kuwait is attempting to mediate their dispute, with a view to normalizing relations. "We discussed the situation in the Gulf and the dangers besetting its security and stability with a view to removing these dangers and paving the way for the establishment of understanding between South Yemen and the Sultanate," said the Kuwaiti leader in a statement.

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## Army court summons Bhutto's son

PESHAWAR, April 14 (AP) — Martial law authorities announced Monday that Murtaza Bhutto, son of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and 12 others face possible 14-year-old jail terms, fines and loss of all property if they fail to appear in military court here April 27.

The 26-year-old Murtaza, believed living in Kabul, the Afghan capital, is a founder of the Al-Zulfikar organization which Pakistani authorities claimed hijacked a Pakistani jetliner to Afghanistan and Syria last month. The announcement said the 13 will be tried for "absconding," a charge arising from

made only discriminatory and arbitrary considerations."

Mrs. Langer said the restraints were not personal but an attempt by the military government to lessen the power of the papers which had a combined readership of 16,000 in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

The military court claimed in the six-month renewal order last month that the three editors represented security risks.

Mrs. Tanger said she was not surprised the petitions had been rejected but regarded them as a test case for the validity of nine other restraining orders against members of the National Guidance Committee.

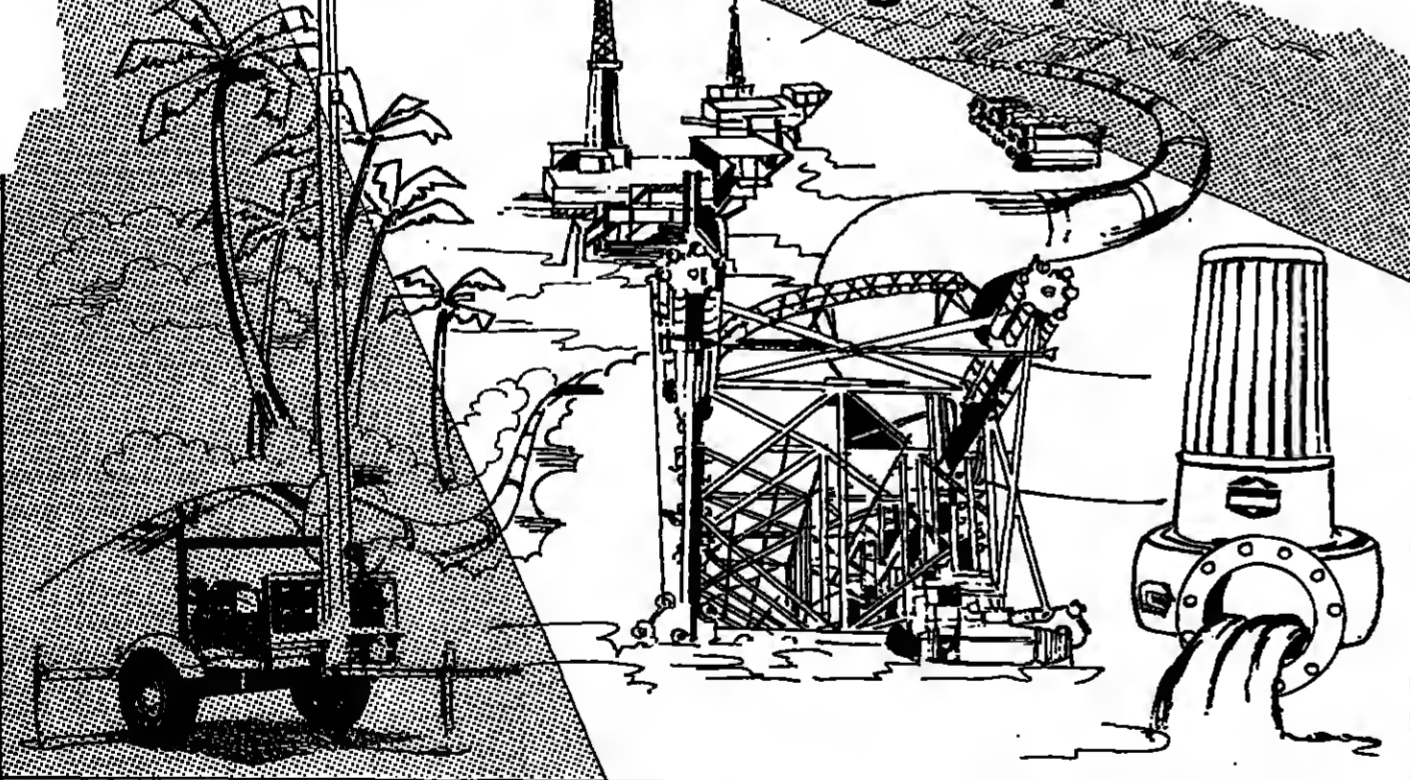
The high court proposed that the petitioners apply to the military appeal court, but Mrs. Langer said: "We strongly doubt whether we would receive a non-biased judgment from that court."

non-appearance in a subversion case which began in last fall.

Observers said the last announcement might have political significance. Should Murtaza be found guilty of "absconding," the Bhutto family would have lost its ancestral home in Larkana and main Karachi residence since he inherited the property as the eldest son.

Bhutto's widow Nusrat, currently leader of the largest opposition party, and his daughter Benazir both are being held at a Karachi jail under "preventive detention."

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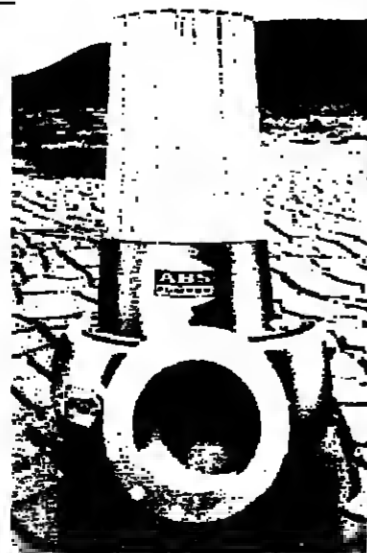


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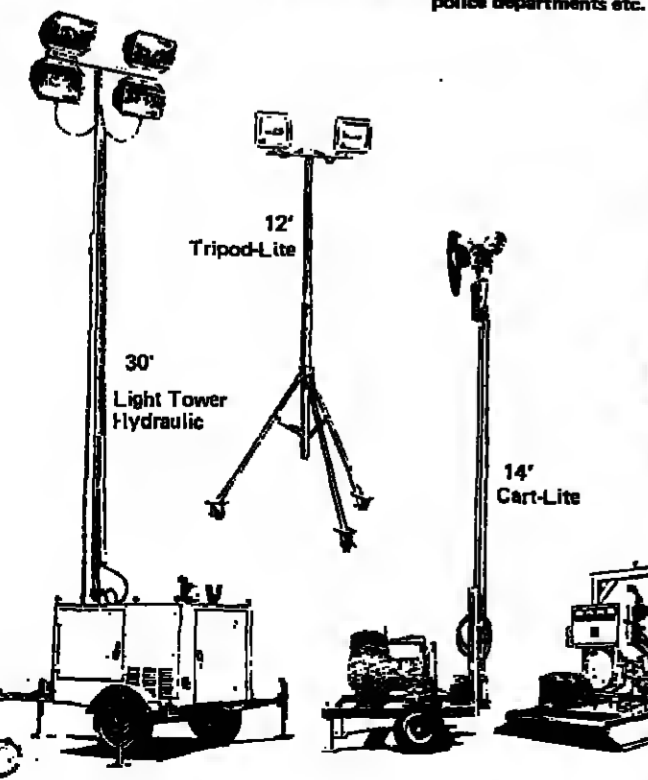


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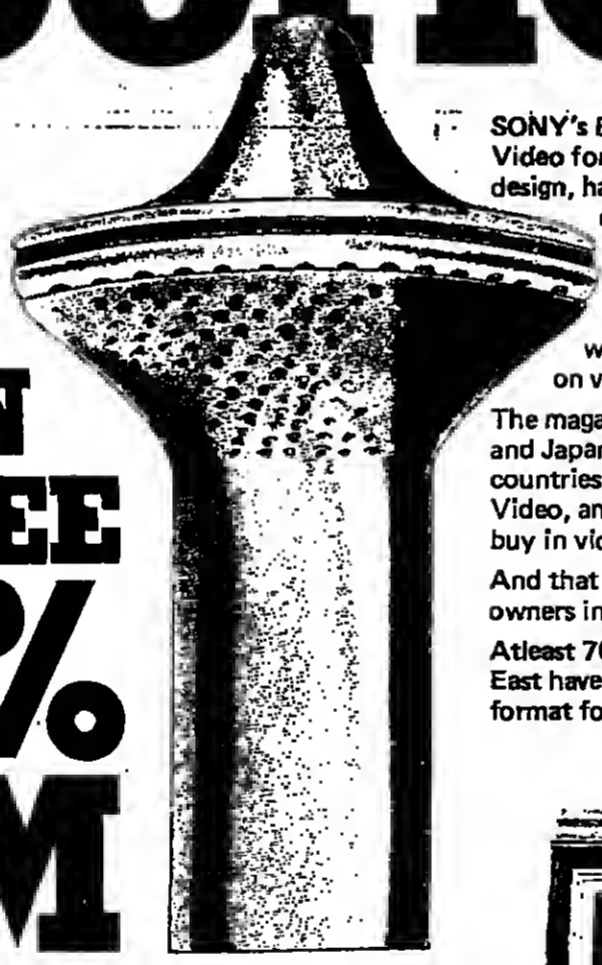
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## IRAQ-U.S. RELATIONS

During his recent tour of the Middle East, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was reported keen to visit Baghdad to look into the matter of restoring diplomatic links between the two countries. There was no official confirmation of this, but it was very much an open secret. As it was, it was an aide of Haig who at last made contact with Iraqi officials, in what was described as an "exchange of views" over a wide range of issues.

Iraqi-U.S. relations were severed in the aftermath of the June 1967 war — a 14-year break. But this has not precluded commercial exchange between the two countries, while the interests of each have been looked after in the other's country by a friendly embassy.

There have been many reports previously of an imminent restoration of links, but the Iraqis have always explained that this would depend on the fulfillment of certain conditions. Yet recently, as Dr. Saadoun Hammadi, Iraq's foreign minister, visited London, he hinted that the "abnormal" relations between the two countries could be "normalized", that the two were independent states which could relate to each other despite disagreements.

In the recent past, the United States could not did pressurize Iraq through support for the Sbah's regime in Iran, at a time when that regime was aiding the Kurdish rebellion in Iraq led by Mulla Mustapha Barazani. That was one Iraq's major grievances against the Americans. But that episode closed as the rebellion ended and the Sbah's regime toppled, with Washington maintaining a neutral stance in the present struggle between Iraq and Iran. There are of course reports that the Americans have still strategic ambitions in Iran, and that these will have to be taken into account. But this, at present at least, is mere speculation.



## Brezhnev, Schmidt to mull East-West ties

By Bradley Graham

**BONN** — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev is expected to meet West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Bonn sometime this year, possibly before the summer, a Bonn government spokesman said. The meeting, said to be at Brezhnev's initiative, was being interpreted by Bonn officials as a reflection of Moscow's determination to demonstrate its seriousness in revitalizing relations with the West. The Soviet leader is also reported to be considering a trip to Paris to see President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

The likelihood and timing of the meetings depend largely on Polish developments, about which Bonn officials along with other Western governments have grown increasingly alarmed.

Visiting Moscow early this month, West German Foreign Minister Haas-Dietrich Genscher failed to get assurances that the Soviet Union would not intervene in Poland. Who he urged that the principle of moderation be observed toward Polish developments, the West German official received what one informed Bonn foreign ministry source described as "no substantial reply."

The Bonn government, which among Western nations has developed the most extensive economic and humanitarian ties with Soviet-led Eastern Europe, has supported Western warnings that a Soviet intervention in Poland would mean the end

to détente. In a notable toughening of his own public stance on Bonn's Eastern policy, Schmidt has joined President Reagan in saying the use of internal or external force to suppress the Polish people would result in a cutoff of economic aid to Poland.

But an early Schmidt-Brezhnev meeting would fit well into the West German leader's policy of promoting East-West contacts. When in February Brezhnev invited Reagan to a summit meeting, Schmidt was quick to urge the American president to accept. Kurt Becker, the Bonn spokesman, said that Brezhnev's expected Bonn visit should be seen apart from a possible U.S.-Soviet summit meeting, which American officials have indicated should not be expected this year.

Becker said discussions about possible dates for the Bonn meeting were still being held. Replying to questions, he said the possibility of a meeting before the start of the West German parliamentary summer break in late June depended on the two leaders' schedules. In any case, Schmidt is not expected to see Brezhnev until after the West German chancellor visits Reagan in Washington on May 20.

Brezhnev has come to Bonn twice — in 1973 and 1978 — since the signing in 1970 of a treaty between West Germany and the Soviet Union renouncing the use of force and smoothing the way for Bonn to achieve more normal relations with other Eastern European states. Schmidt and Brezhnev last met in June 1980 in Moscow and Schmidt left an open invitation for the Soviet leader

to visit Bonn. The idea of a meeting this year is known to have been mentioned when Genscher saw Brezhnev early this month although Becker indicated the suggestion had been broached by Brezhnev earlier through "diplomatic channels." Becker recalled that last year Schmidt and Brezhnev had agreed to stay in close contact, particularly during periods of international tension.

If the two leaders meet, a key issue is expected to be resumption of U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe — negotiations Schmidt was credited with helping to start by conveying an initial Soviet offer from Brezhnev to then-President Carter last year. A later preliminary month-long U.S.-Soviet negotiating session was adjourned in November. While the Reagan administration has affirmed its commitment to continue the talks, no date for their resumption has been set.

In an interview with the *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*, Schmidt is quoted as saying he was sure the negotiations would be resumed "this summer or late summer."

The talks are regarded as essential by Western European governments, which face growing challenges to their defense modernization plans from groups opposed to nuclear weapons. "If there were no negotiations this year," Schmidt said, "it would not just be more difficult to me at home, it would also lead to difficulties in relations with the government of the United States."

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Tuesday led with a report on the opening of several projects in Jeddah by King Khalid Monday. They also gave prominence to the Honorary Doctorate conferred on the King by the King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah, in appreciation of the monarch's services to Islam and Muslims.

Newspapers frontpaged Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's visit to Bangladesh where he stressed the need for a solution to the problem of Afghanistan. The visit of the U.S. Senate delegation members, headed by Senator Howard Baker, was prominently covered on the front pages, while Baker was quoted as saying that the Palestine issue occupies the foremost concern of the Kingdom.

In a front-page story, *Al-Jazirah* and *Al-Nadwa* reported that Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber, Kuwait's deputy premier and foreign minister, has taken an initiative to bring about rapprochement between South Yemen and Oman. *Al-Nadwa* reported in a page one story, quoting Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, that "there are deliberate French provocations" against Syria owing to the latter's opposition of the division of Lebanon.

Discussing the opening of several projects in Jeddah, *Al-Medina* noted editorially that anyone watching the successive achievements by the Kingdom in many fields would be struck with awe and admiration for the successes achieved in a short time as a result of persistent care by King Khalid and Crown

Prince Fahd. The paper added that the King Abdul Aziz University conferred the honorary degree on the monarch in recognition and appreciation of his enduring concern for education and great services to Islam and Muslims. The monarch's acceptance of the degree symbolizes his great regard for the university as well as his appreciation of the message that the highest seat of learning carries, the paper added. In an editorial, *Al-Nadwa* said that the celebrations of the last two days in Jeddah are symbolic of the determination of the leadership and the people to race with time for the sake of country's progress and advancement. After opening the new international airport, the King laid the foundation-stone of a number of projects which would constitute a most prominent factor in bring welfare and prosperity for the people, the paper said. It described the projects as a complement of many development projects taken in hand for the country's development under the Kingdom's wise leadership.

*Al-Bilad* observed that the conferment of the honorary degree on the King speaks well of his great role in the service of Islam and Muslims. The degree befitting its recipient who has dedicated himself for the service of Islamic causes. The paper said that modern history would record all achievements as a restoration of the past glory of Islam. The aspirations of the people of this country will be realized through the eminent role of the King in reinforcing the foundations of stability and peace not only in this region but in the world as a whole. *Okaz* also dealt with the same subject, saying that

all the projects will give boost to education, industry and communications in the country. The paper described the projects as "pillars" that will stand the Kingdom on a high level of progress and prosperity, drawing total inspiration from the sublime teachings of the faith. While building itself, Saudi Arabia firmly believes that every Arab country would have to build itself, in order to fill the wide gap now existing between the industrialized world and the emerging nations. It is only in this way that the "Third World" can achieve the position which has been "usurped" from it. In the process of building and progress, the Kingdom also realizes that the Islamic nation would have to work in complete solidarity for the sake of its security and stability and of the world as a whole.

On the other hand, *Al-Jazirah* commented on the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It said that, in the absence of its recognition by the Arabs as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, the organization would be circling in a vacuum. It is only as a result of this recognition that the organization found it easy to move at Arab and world level struggling for the sake of the Palestinian people. The paper regretted that the outcome of their struggle has so far been sacrifices and persecution by the Jews. It held the view that the leaders of the Palestinian revolution ought to be convinced that all of them belong to one people, and they have to embark on the battle as a single unit, liquidating all their ideological differences and political philosophies.



"With the crisis in hospital over, Reagan now suffers an economic setback!"

## U.S. gives positive signals to S. Africa

By Caryle Murphy

**PRETORIA** — The South African government is buoyant with expectations about improved relations with the United States and, on the eve of a visit by Assistant Secretary of State-designate Chester Crocker, eager to talk with him about one of this country's major concerns: Cubans in Angola. The hopes for closer ties flow from a series of encouraging signals from Washington, including:

Official comments on the need to halt Soviet expansion and international terrorism, disclosure that Prime Minister Pieter Botha might be invited to Washington, suggestions that the United States might give assistance to anti-Marxist guerrillas in Angola, willingness of U.S. officials to meet recently with South African-backed political parties from the territory of Namibia, and President Reagan's remarks about South Africa in a recent interview.

"Suddenly things don't look so bad for South Africa," commented the *Afrikaans* newspaper *Beeld*. "It is as if a thin line of light has appeared in the East which heralds the dawn of a new day."

The most positive reinforcement came recently with the *Washington Post*, that the United States favors altering a Western-designed U.N. plan for independence in the Pretoria-run territory of Namibia (also known as South-West Africa) to draw up a constitution before elections there. South African officials welcomed the proposal, one they have promoted for months.

At the core of South African expectations is hope that the Reagan administration will view the Soviet and Cuban military presence, rather than South Africa's racial policies and military strength, as the principal security threat in this region. South Africa's preoccupation with the Soviet and Cuban presence stems in part from its own anti-Marxist beliefs and a conviction that the Soviets are after its mineral riches. But it also reflects an effort by Pretoria to build up unchallenged military and economic strength in Southern Africa to discourage neighboring states from assisting anti-South African guerrillas.

For South Africans the litmus test of American resolve to stop Soviet moves in this part of the world will be in Angola. South Africans would like to see the United States end the congressionally imposed ban on U.S. aid to Angolan factions, then provide open assistance to the anti-Marxist UNITA guerrilla movement fighting the Angolan government. In 1975 South Africa intervened in the Angolan civil war on the side of UNITA and has remained close ties with it since then.

As for Namibia, Reagan's proposals to draw up a constitution before elections will give the South Africans the two things they want there: time and more international recognition for political parties that will oppose the guerrilla movement SWAPO (South-West Africa People's Organization) in elections. Apart from Angola, Pretoria's most immediate concern is a decision by Washington on whether it will supply enriched uranium for two nuclear power plants under construction. Washington has held up the fuel because of South Africa's refusal to agree to international inspection of its entire nuclear program amid suspicions it is working on nuclear weapons. The issue is becoming crucial because the first of the two plants is due to begin operations next year.

South Africa would also like to see U.S. Navy ships once again call at its ports. There are also some hopes that the United States will unilaterally lift a mandatory arms embargo imposed by the United Nations in October 1977. Although the government boasts that the boycott has not hurt it and has even spurred its own arms industry, it would like to buy some sophisticated weapons and fighter planes. The South Africans also want to be able to buy a number of items the United States has unilaterally embargoed, because of their possible military or police use, such as computers, spare parts, police equipment and planes for reconnaissance and sea rescue.

But at the minimum, South Africans are hoping Reagan will give them "breathing space" in the form of a moratorium on public pressures for faster changes in their domestic racial policies and elimination of linkage between such changes and bilateral relations.

"To a certain extent, this is already happening," said international-affairs analyst John Barratt. "Former President Jimmy Carter said you cannot expect warmer relations while your internal policies remain the way they are. But under Reagan, it seems to be business as usual so far."

Crocker has argued that high-profile rhetoric and criticism are not effective in moving Pretoria. He is known to believe also that while the United States is pressing Pretoria for cooperation on a settlement in Namibia, it ought not to be pressuring it for changes at home.

Aware, however, that most key policy decisions affecting them have yet to be made, some South African officials are cautioning their colleagues and the public about reading too much into the preliminary signs out of Washington. Foreign Minister Roelof (Pik) Botha recently warned a meeting of party supporters against a "spirit of euphoria" since Reagan's election. "There are people in South Africa who have grabbed at the election of Mr. Reagan as a drowning person grabs at a piece of driftwood," Botha said, "but in the weeks and months ahead we and the U.S. will not always agree."

It was an action by the South Africans themselves, probably born out of unrealistically high expectations about the new administration, that has no doubt contributed to a lowering of those expectations. Despite a long-established ban on visits to the United States by South African military officials, five high-ranking officers, including the head of military intelligence, traveled to Washington in March. Their visa applications to the U.S. Embassy here did not contain their military ranks.

The State Department struck a low-key response to their "inadvertent" visit. But public disclosure of their presence and of the fact that some of them met with the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Jesse J. Kirkpatrick, caused the administration embarrassment. It also angered some who saw it as an example of South Africa attempt to use backdoor diplomacy to influence Washington. (WP)

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LANDFORM: This 4-foot high, sphinx-like natural landform was discovered by the Smithsonian's Farouk El-Baz in the Western Desert of Egypt. The Sphinx of ancient Egypt, he believes, may have originated as wind-stable landform, "dressed up" by the Egyptian builders.

# New light on Pyramids

By Madeleine Jacobs

WASHINGTON, (SNS) — Dr. Farouk El-Baz, scientist at the Smithsonian Institution, may have solved at least one of the mysteries of the Pyramids of Giza — why they, unlike the other seven wonders of the ancient world, are still standing for all to admire.

The answer, he says, lies in the engineering and scientific acumen of the ancient Egyptians. These clever builders, he believes, constructed the towering monuments in the image of natural landforms that were already resistant to wind-erosion.

"Had the ancients built their monuments in the shape of a cube, a high-rise building, like those of our cities, a pentagon or even a stadium, they would have been erased by the ravages of wind erosion long ago," El-Baz states in the current issue of *Smithsonian* magazine.

"Instead, they chose the pyramid shape, which evades destruction by leading the wind slope and funneling its erosive power to the peak where its energy dissipates into the air," El-Baz, a geologist and director of the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, came to this conclusion after a number of years of exploration in the Egyptian deserts.

In the western desert of Egypt — part of the driest tract of land on earth — El-Baz has seen numerous landforms that are startling in their resemblance to the pyramids in the Nile Valley, starting particularly because these forms have been created not by man but rather by natural geological processes. Moreover, these natural pyramids have been exposed to and withstood the action of the wind or hundreds of thousands of years.

He believes it is not surprising that apparently no one has made the connection between natural and man-made pyramids until now. "An expert looks at nature and thinks immediately how to modify it for the benefit of man, rather than trying to learn a lesson from it," the geologist explains.

"This idea has certainly been cooking in my head for a long time. I looked at some of these structures over and over again before I made the connection. But, it now seems obvious to me that the ancient Egyptians must have studied such natural desert structures

before deciding on the form of their towering monuments."

The first and largest true pyramid, the so-called Great Pyramid, was built by the Pharaoh Khufu (Cheops) about 4,500 years ago. An awesome engineering achievement, its four-sided plan covers 13 acres. At a height of 482 feet, it was one of the largest buildings ever erected by man and, until the Eiffel Tower was constructed in 1889.

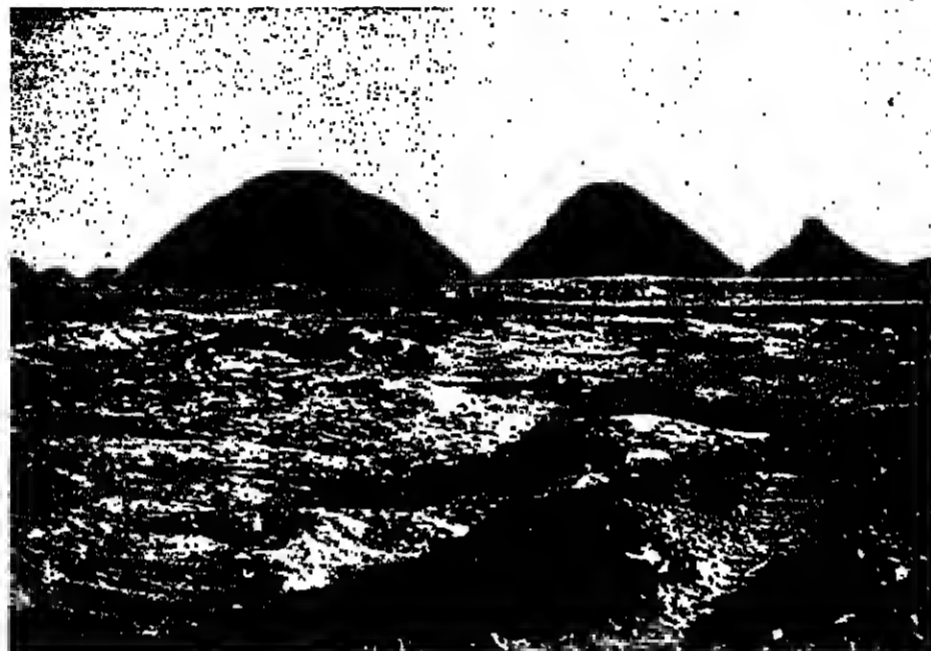
Despite their age, the pyramids are still shrouded in mystery, and many scholars disagree about their original function and how they were actually built. Whatever else they may be, the pyramids are a tribute to the ancients' keen knowledge of their environment and resources.

"The Egyptians of the past appear to have learned more about the desert than their modern counterparts," he writes. "They mastered desert exploration and exploitation of building materials. They combed the eastern desert and the Sinai for precious metals... (they) roamed the western desert terrain and left their mark..."

During these explorations, he believes, they must have seen many natural pyramidal and conical landforms, as El-Baz himself did on several journeys in the late 1970s into the Egyptian deserts. On one such trip, he saw firsthand how nature's pyramids resist the wind.

In March and April, he explains, the wind in Egypt's deserts shifts direction. Normally, the winds blow in the general direction of north to south, but during the windy season, the winds blow generally from south to north. This spring wind carries enormous quantities of sand and redistributes it even as it erodes obstacles in its way. A strong gust of wind lifts fine dust from the pebbles and sand grains on the desert surface and hurls it upward toward existing conical and pyramidal hills. The velocity of the dust cloud increases as it approaches the hill, releasing its energy into the air at the apex.

The existence of these natural landforms may also help explain some of the mysteries surrounding the unprecedented magnitude of the pyramids' construction and the manner in which they were built. What if, he pondered, the pyramids were built over existing conical or pyramidal shapes, thereby easing the extent of the construction?



PYRAMIDS: The Pyramids of Giza? Not quite. These monumental look-alikes in the Western Desert of Egypt were created not by man but rather by natural geological processes. Towering 200 feet high, the natural Pyramids are exceptionally resistant to wind erosion, according to Farouk El-Baz. El-Baz believes that the ancient Egyptians constructed their towering structures in the image of such natural landforms, which explains why the Pyramids of Giza have withstood the ravages of wind.

In fact, a search in the library revealed that an Egyptian archaeologist Ahmed Fahry had written a book in 1961 which described a rocky knoll of unknown size lying underneath the Great Pyramid and a big hill underneath the tomb of Queen Khent-Kawes at Giza. It, thus, seems likely that the ancient Egyptians received an assist from Mother Nature in their monumental construction projects.

In his desert explorations, El-Baz also has uncovered natural, wind-sculpted forms resembling the Sphinx, which dates from 2500 B.C. The Sphinx, he believes, may have originated as one aerodynamically stable landform called a yardang, which is a naturally wind-carved hill found in the western desert of Egypt and in many other deserts. A yardang resembles an inverted boat hull with its prow pointing upwind and its stern in the lee.

"The ancient architects could have investigated such forms thousands of years ago and decided to dress up in (the Pharaoh's) image the yardang on the east side of the Great Pyramid," El-Baz writes. The monumental

task of sculpting the Sphinx, which stands 40 feet high, would not have been as great if the ancient Egyptians started with a yardang, already protruding through the plain.

Unfortunately, today the Sphinx is showing signs of old age and its surface is slowly eroding. But, the damage is not due to severe wind, since the Sphinx is an aerodynamically stable structure and allows the wind to pass by with little friction. Rather, experts say, its peeling surface is caused by unusual rise in the water table due to the construction of the Aswan High Dam. Water laden with salts seeps through the porous rock of the Sphinx and evaporates at the surface. The resulting salt crystals expand and push out thin layers of rock which then peel off.

"In our rush to 'develop' the earth, we may neglect to learn valuable lessons from what the ancients had left for us to see, sometimes carved in eternal rock." The Pyramids of Giza, fortunately, do not seem to be suffering the Sphinx's fate. "Today, they are the only ancient wonders still standing," El-Baz says, "and they are here to stay."

# Hong Kong draws Chinese like a magnet

By Brian Timms

HONG KONG, (R) — Chinese have tried practically everything but bang gliding in their efforts to cross the border into Hong Kong, rumored to be a consumers' paradise with streets paved with gold. The reality turns out to be quite different, with work virtually impossible to find, little hope of housing, and the constant fear of being caught and deported.

But, whether ignorant of the truth or disregarding it, peasants from the communes are still filtering illegally into his tiny British colony despite recent, tough counter-measures. About 40 a day are caught trying to break into the 56 kms long barbed wire-topped border fence or sneaking round the Southern China by sea.

Half that number are believed to be evading arrest, a rate which, although much lower than in the past few years, is still worrying for officials, fearing the build-up of a lawless underground society. The prospects for illegal immigrants were changed dramatically last October when the authorities stopped giving identity cards and permanent residence to illegal immigrants, enough to reach Hong Kong's urban areas.

This so-called "touch-base" policy was such an attraction that half a million Chinese took advantage of it in recent years and raised Hong Kong's cramped population to around five million. Faced with the massive strain on its resources, particularly in housing, Hong Kong decided to get tough. Illegal immigrants must now stay in hiding, even if they reach urban areas, because they are no longer given the identity cards which all residents must have to obtain work legally. If they walk the streets or take a bus they run the risk of being checked for identity cards and deportation.

And in addition, Hong Kong's almost totally Chinese origin population is becoming increasingly hostile toward illegals, with policies frequently being tipped off about their presence. A British army officer, gazing at

the border fence topped with floodlights every 30 meters, recently tried to lighten the situation with a remark about hang gliding, a form of flight involving a person being strapped to a huge kite.

But it is fairly accurate because the ingenuity of the Chinese illegal immigrant practically knows no bounds. They swim round the shark-infested coastline clinging to rubber tyres, wade neck deep through mangrove swamps, and try hiding aboard freight trains and trucks using the only cross-border links one road and one railway line.

Police have arrested 298 illegals on trains this year and have found 12 more crashed to death by cargo or lying dead by the side of the track after trying to jump to freedom.

Communist China, seeing a depletion in commune workers, continues to guard its side of the border and relations with Hong Kong are good. But, the tougher control measures have produced a more ruthless type of illegal immigrant, often armed and prepared to use violence to get his hands on the wealth he finds here.

There had been a few armed hold-ups on jewellery stores in the past few months, and police suspect that many of these were carried out by illegal immigrants. The Hong Kong authorities are watching the situation closely but their options for tightening the border control even further appear limited.

Some illegals have obtained forged identity cards by paying \$2,000. To counter the forgeries, new-style identity cards are being designed to replace those already issued to Hong Kong's legal population.

This operation is expected to cost several million Hong Kong dollars, adding to the huge bill already run up in countering illegal immigrants. The new measures have helped quell the influx. Now, there is only daily transfer of deportees across the border; instead of the two daily convoys of trucks needed last year.

But, as one British army officer said on the border: "We have sent back 90,000 illegals in the past 18 months so you can reckon there is still that number keen to come in."

# Jazz exponent to tour M. E.

By Joanne Nix

USICA Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Jimmy Owens says "jazz" is a very small word but it represents a lot of sounds. And he ought to know. At 37, this musician is one of America's leading exponents of jazz.

He is also a trumpeter, flugel hornist, a composer, arranger, educator, lecturer and music education consultant. And in the months of May and June, he will be touring North Africa and the Middle East.

Interviewed this week, Owens said: "I often explain to musicians, students and the general public that 'jazz' is a very small word but it represents a lot of sounds. A musician must know how to put the sounds together. He can make people happy, so that they will want to be part of the music even in a very large stadium. Sometimes, the audience may want to get up and dance. Other times they will want to sit quietly and reflect."

According to him, jazz enjoys a great deal of respect in the United States but only among a small group of fans. He conducts ongoing research projects in jazz history designed to incorporate, analyze and inform the public of shifting styles of American jazz.

When asked how he reaches audiences who do not know jazz music, Owens says, "I look at the types of music those people are used to hearing. My group has a varied repertoire, so we can draw people's attention to our music."

Owens earned a master's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts. He views education as one of the most important attributes of the creative musician. "A knowledge of the music business has enabled me to practice and compose more," he said. "Knowledge about business matters as well as technique has opened up new areas for me to think about — ways of approaching my instrument differently, new types of music to play. But I don't let anything get in the way of my music. Music comes first."

Owens will conduct music sessions for university students and musicians in each of the

cities he visits during his tour. "We hope to share our areas of expertise with local musicians and that in turn can teach us," he said.

When he is not on the road, Owens conducts seminars for working musicians. Not only does he acquaint them with the jazz tradition but he points out the business aspects of the music profession. "I was very young — about 17 — when I first realized that many of my best names in music were not the ones reaping the financial benefits of their craft," Owens explained. "So I began to look at the business portion of my profession. I built up my observations until I came up with specific points that I present in workshops to aspiring professionals."

Owens has served as a panel member of the U.S. government grant agency, the National Endowment for the Arts, and on the music panel of the New York State Council on the Arts. He was also on the board of directors of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and the New York Jazz Repertory Company. In addition, he is a founder-member of the Collective Black Artists, Inc., an organization whose aim is education and exchange of skills by musicians.

Owens is a native New Yorker. He attended the New York High School of Music. He studied jazz music from noted trumpet player Donated Byrd. By the time he was 16 Owens was playing with the Newport Youth Band. Since then he has performed on records, in commercial jingles and movie scores and has led workshops in colleges and high schools. He is equally adept in classical music and spends much of his work week performing with symphonies, ballet, Broadway and theater orchestras.

On May 1 Owens leaves for a tour of the Middle East under the auspices of the United States government. Although he has visited Europe often and has performed in Japan, Senegal and Martinique, this will be his first visit to the Middle East and North Africa.

His itinerary: May 1 — Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco; May 7 — Algiers, Algeria; May 18 — Cairo, Egypt; May 24 to June 2 — Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar, Pakistan; June 3 — Beirut, Lebanon; June 7 — Jerusalem.

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**In Namibia**

# U.S. envoy arrives in Maputo for talks

MAPUTO, April 14 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's envoy to Africa, Chester Crocker, arrived in Mozambique Monday on the fifth stop of his 10-nation tour of the continent. Referring to attempts at reaching a settlement on the future of Namibia (Southwest Africa), he told reporters in Maputo that discussion of Namibian constitutional issues "could usefully be done prior to independence."

The United States is canvassing support for a settlement plan that would lead to a constitutional conference being held before elections, like the pattern which preceded Zimbabwe's independence a year ago. Crocker, Reagan's nominee for assistant secretary of state for African affairs, arrived during a low ebb in U.S.-Mozambique relations. Last month Maputo expelled four American diplomats on spy charges and Washington retaliated by cutting off sales and gifts of food to Mozambique. Since then President Samora Machel of Mozambique has strongly criticized the Reagan administration in his speeches.

Portuguese Radio said that Crocker was offering the countries he visited a total of \$832 million in U.S. aid. This would be distributed in accordance with each country's flexibility in accepting Washington's policy toward the problem of Namibia, the radio said. Marxist Mozambique is a staunch supporter of the Southwest African People's Organization, which is fighting Namibia's South African administration for the independence of the territory under majority rule. According to the Mozambique news agency AIM, Crocker said it was partly for his Mozambican hosts to decide whether bilateral relations

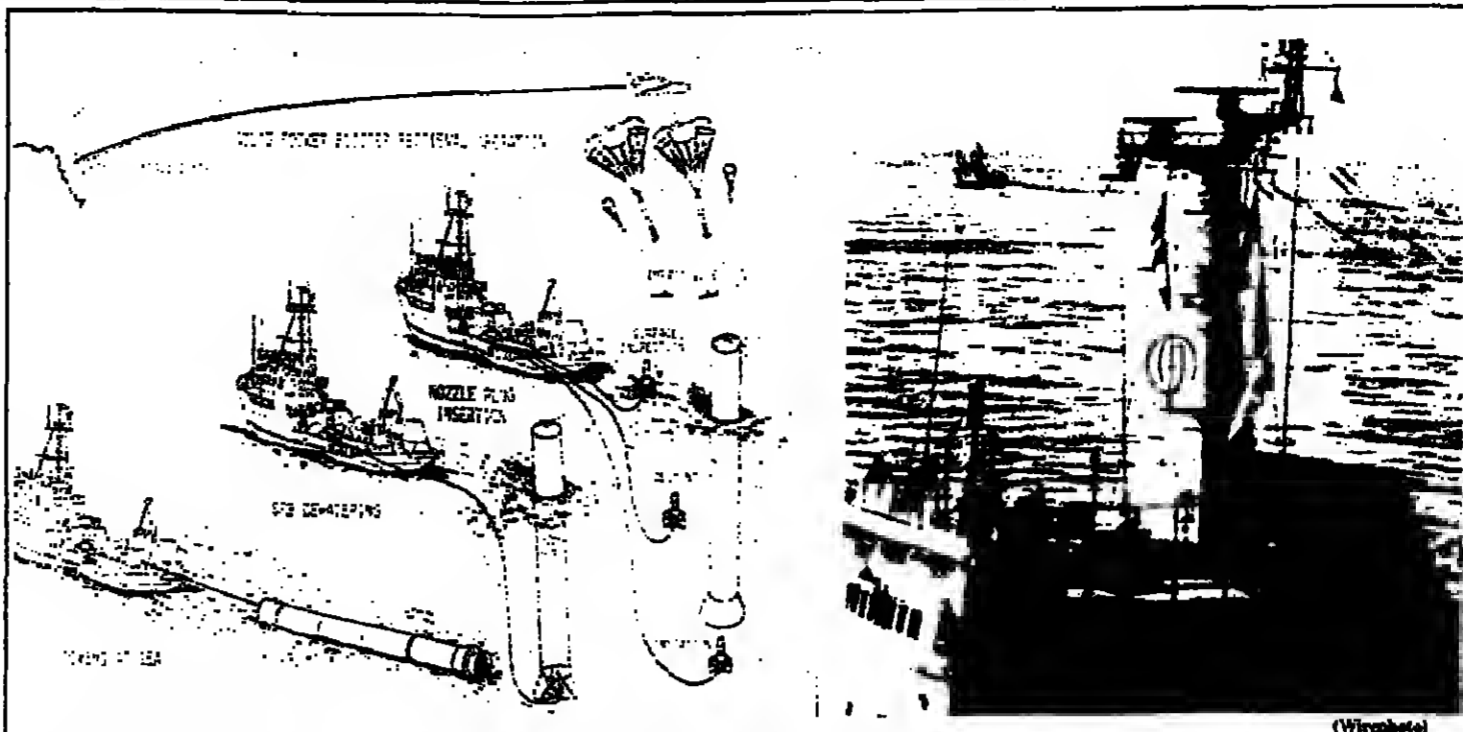
would form a major part of his talks in Maputo.

The U.S. envoy, who has already visited Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, said there would be no public statements on the results of his tour until the consultations were completed. Crocker told AIM that the United States had never said it intended to aid dissidents in Angola, which like Mozambique is a former Portuguese colony under Marxist government.

"We are going to Luanda and that should indicate it is our preference to see a negotiated solution to the problems of the region," he said. Angola, Namibia's northern neighbor, is the main supporter of SWAPO.

With the new U.S. administration committed to protecting American interests around the world as a major thrust of its foreign policy, Crocker's task is to formulate an approach to this turbulent continent that will balance U.S. concerns in black Africa on the one hand and white-ruled South Africa on the other.

Meanwhile, it was reported that South African intelligence officers recently brought to Washington secret reports of 250 Soviet fighter planes manned by East Europeans in Angola, Mozambique and Zambia, capable of halting vital oil shipments to the West. Patrick J. Buchanan, who used to be a speech writer for President Richard Nixon, wrote in last week's issue of the Washington *Inquirer*, a weekly that began publication early this year, that the planes and 700 tanks are operated by East German, Czechoslovak and Hungarian pilots, advisers and technicians whose numbers rose to 3,000 from 500 during the presidency of Jimmy Carter.



**OPERATION RETRIEVAL:** This NASA graphic (left) shows the sequences of events during the retrieval of the solid rocket booster minutes after the successful launching of the U.S. space shuttle Columbia from the Kennedy Space Center Sunday. The picture on the right shows the Soviet trawler *Ekvator*, which was escorted out of the recovery area by a U.S. Coast Guard cutter, watching a NASA ship towing the recovered shuttle boosters back to Cape Canaveral. The trawler shadowed the recovery of the boosters after they parachuted into the ocean.

## Sihanouk may lead anti-Vietnam movement

CAIRO, April 14 (AP) — The ruling regime of Democratic Kampuchea has cleared most of its differences with self-exiled Prince Norodom Sihanouk and hopes he will soon lead a united resistance movement against the invading Vietnamese, Leng Sary, Kampuchea's deputy premier in charge of foreign affairs, told a press conference here Monday ending a three-day official visit to Egypt.

Sihanouk has not announced his conditions in return for leading the resistance fronts, but Sary said agreement has been reached with him on four points, and they have been assured of his acceptance of fifth controversial

one. He listed these as: changing the name of the country from Democratic Kampuchea to Kampuchea, changing the flag and the national anthem, the prince's right to form his own armed forces, and the establishment of a parliamentary system after the withdrawal of the Vietnamese troops.

"We have reached agreement on these points," Sary said. But he declined to elaborate. He said the fifth condition by Sihanouk was disarming all resistance movements after Vietnamese withdrawal. "Our regime believes this is a decision to be made by the future elected government," Sary said. "We do not

have the prince's decision on this point, but through diplomatic channels we have been assured of his acceptance." Sary said the agreements were reached during a meeting March 10 with the prince in his current residence in Pyongyang, North Korea.

Sary said he expected another meeting with the prince soon, but did not specify a date. He said the ruling National Patriotic Union of Kampuchea is seeking a merger of all resistance movements. "We have no conditions. We are ready to discuss with anyone."

## Indian Sikhs demand state

NEW DELHI, April 14 (AP) — A break-away political group in India's Punjab state has demanded an independent nation for the country's 13 million Sikhs, claiming that some members were being treated like "second-class citizens" in the country, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

A "world Sikh convention" organized by the Akali Dal faction led by Jagdev Singh Talwandi at the northern city of Chandigarh adopted a resolution seeking associate membership of the United Nations for the new nation, to be known as "Desh Punjab," UNI said Monday. An autonomous state, with foreign and defense policies guided by India, was necessary for "the honorable survival of the Sikhs ... and preservation of their separate identity," the resolution said.

## Red lights brighten American night sky

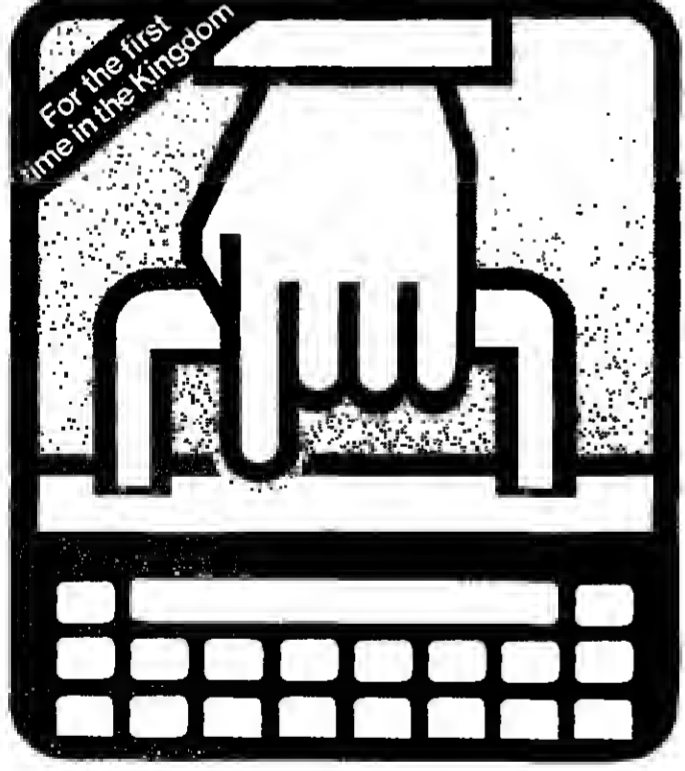
WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — Some residents from California to Tennessee and from South Dakota to Louisiana watched in awe as red lights stretched across the weekend night sky, and government scientists said Monday the phenomenon was caused by a magnetic storm that was touched off by a solar flare.

A staff meteorologist at McChord Air Force base near Tacoma, Washington, said the glow likely was an optical illusion created by the sun reflecting off cosmic dust. A resident of Great Falls, Montana, who called them "just awe-inspiring."

The lights were visible across vast areas of the west, Midwest and south, prompting thousands of calls to police and radio stations.

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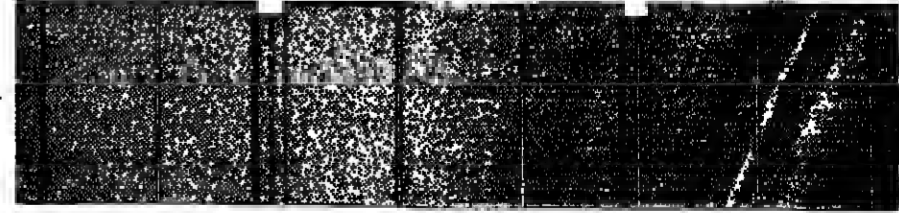
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Quebec separatists win poll

MONTREAL, Canada, April 14 (AP) — René Levesque's French separatists...



Quebec Premier René Levesque

When he addressed the throng, the 58-year-old Levesque did not raise the independence issue...

Don Johnston. He said the election may scare outside investors away from Quebec...

The leader of the Quebec Liberals, former newspaper editor Claude Ryan, called on Quebecers during the campaign...

The PQ plan calls for political sovereignty for Quebec, but with continued close economic association with Canada...

But many Quebec voters apparently accepted Levesque's assurance that separatism would be put "on ice" for a while...

The premier, whose image of warmth and sincerity contrasted sharply with the gaunt Ryan's pedantic style...

U.S. doctors explain insulin response

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 14 (AP) — Researchers at the University of Colorado proposed a new explanation for one of the mysteries of diabetes...

ulin doses to stay alive. But the vast majority of the estimated 10 million American diabetics — some 80 per cent — fall into a second category...

Most scientists believed the defect lay in the surface "receptors" for insulin found on most cells of the body...

Missile limitation talks agree on 'early' talks

GENEVA, April 14 (AP) — The United States agreed that talks with the Soviet Union on intermediate-range nuclear missile limitation resumed without delay...

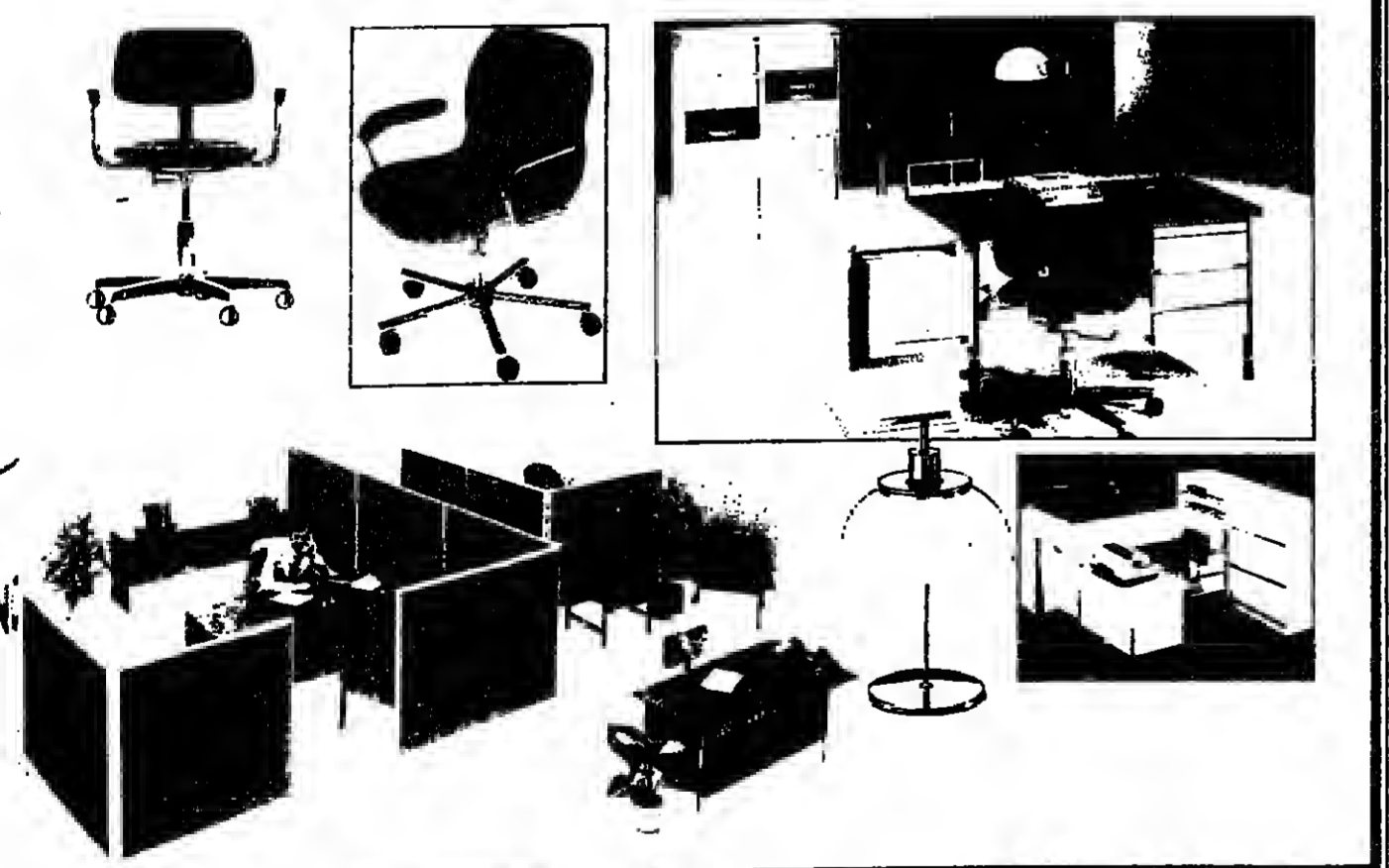
ing its policies. This phase was very significant for America's allies because it was important that they shared as partners in shaping these policies...

Silencing with alcohol

COGNES-SUR-MER, Southern France, April 14 (AFP) — Collette Bruggman, 46, who quarreled frequently with her 46-year-old husband Gerard, decided to silence him once and for all with a bottle of pure alcohol...

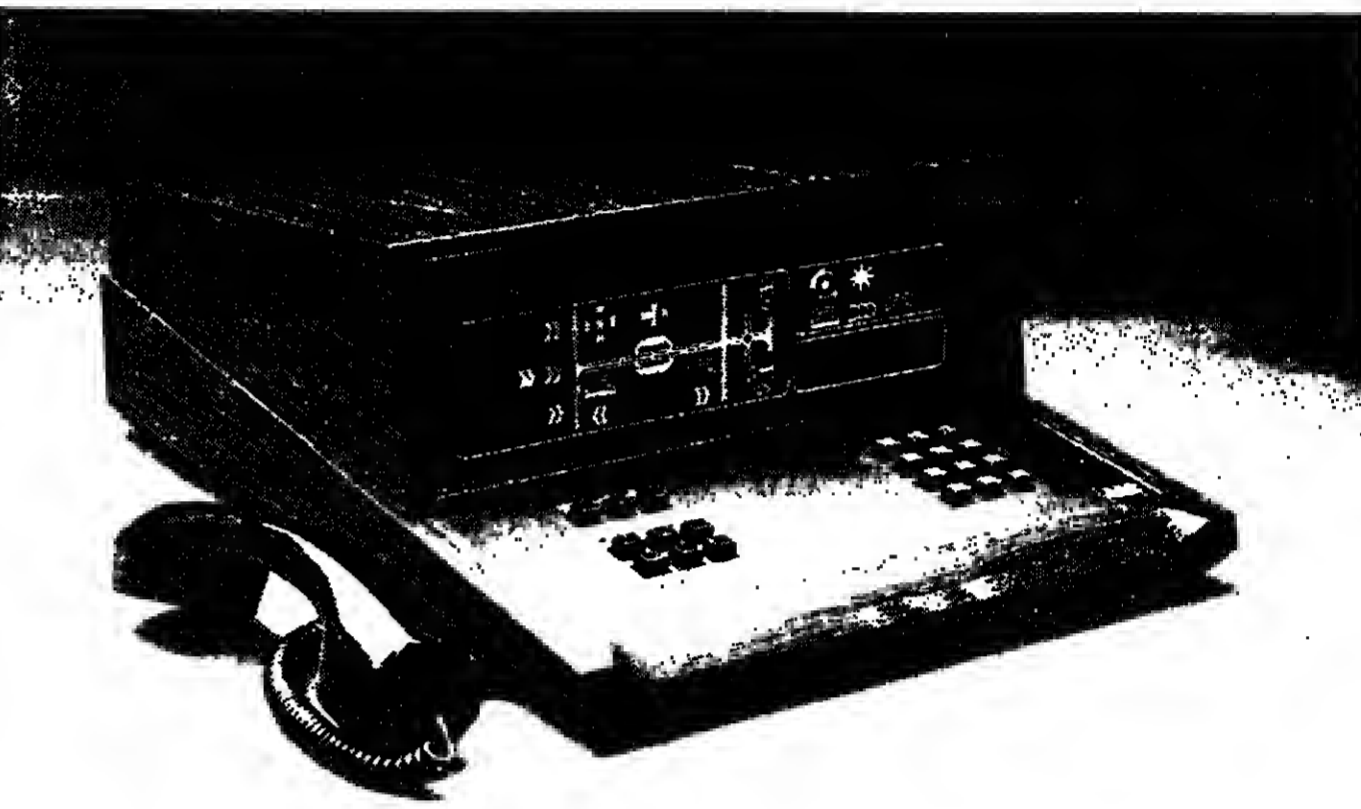
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**Compromise denied**

**3-year tax cut plan to stay, says Reagan**

WASHINGTON, April 14 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has said he remained fully committed to his proposed three-year tax cut and believed the American people did not want it to be watered down.

The White House spokesman said Monday Reagan made his comment during a meeting with aides as he continued his recovery from a bullet wound inflicted in an assassination attempt two weeks ago.

Spokesman Larry Speakes said the president had read reports about a prominent Democratic Congressman's comment Sunday that the administration might accept a compromise and agreed to a one-year tax cut.

Speakes said Reagan told his aides he had authorized no one to offer a compromise on his economic recovery program. He quoted the president as saying: "I and my key advisers are fully committed to the program... I am convinced the American people strongly

support my program and do not want it watered down."

The president has proposed a 10 per cent tax reduction in personal income taxes during each of the next three years. Speakes said 78,291 messages had been received at the White House in support of the Reagan economic program, which includes sweeping budget cuts as well as the proposed tax reductions.

Only 666 other messages opposed it, he added. The president discussed the tax cuts during his first working day following discharge from hospital last Saturday after making a satisfactory progress from surgery for removal of the bullet in his left lung.

Reagan carried out a light schedule in his private quarters, but held a number of meetings, including separate talks with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger following their return from overseas trips.

**Study reveals**

**Bonn faces grim days ahead**

BONN, April 14 (AFP) — West Germany afflicted by low profit margins and rising labor costs, will not emerge from its current recession — the longest in its history — before the end of the year, five major economic institutes have said in a joint report.

They said the country's gross national product will decline by 1.5 per cent this year, with the greatest drop in economic activity occurring during the first half of the year.

While its deepest point is already passed,

**Japan dethrones U.S. in car output**

STUTTGART, April 14 (AFP) — Japan hoisted itself to the pinnacle of world motor production last year, displacing the United States, statistics published by a German firm have confirmed here.

The figures showed that Japanese production was up by 15.4 per cent, compared with that of 1979. The U.S. output, on the other hand declined.

German and French manufacturers took third and fourth places respectively, with 3,500,000 units (down 13.1 per cent) and 2,900,000 (down 9 per cent). Japanese manufacturers are forced to export because of their limited domestic market. There were only 196 private cars per 1,000 inhabitants in Japan, compared with 533 in the United States and 369 in West Germany (third in this respect). Canada ranks second.

**Grain output predicted to hit record**

WASHINGTON, April 14 (R) — World grain production in 1981 may exceed the record set just three years ago, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department's latest predictions.

A department report cited favorable progress of the winter grain crops, good spring planting conditions and more land under cultivation in many important grain exporting countries. The previous world production record for wheat, feedgrains and rice was 1.5 billion tons in the 1978-79 crop season.

"Barring poor weather in the major producing countries, production will exceed utilization and result in some recovery in world stocks, particularly for wheat," the report said. World grain stocks were reduced to their lowest level in five years because of poor crops in 1980 in the United States, the Soviet Union, Australia and other key growing countries.

Winter grain crops progressed well in China, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, despite some flooding in parts in Yugoslavia, Romania and Hungary, the report said.

It said farmers in Canada's prairie provinces were expected to increase the area sown to grain by nine per cent and said good weather and increased plantings in France would result in another large grain harvest in the European Economic Community this year.

But it said, "severe drought has been affecting the Iberian peninsula, northern Italy and Morocco for the past several months." Although "generous rainfall" occurred in Spain, northern Italy and Portugal in the last week of March, "the situation remains serious, and grain import requirements for these countries are expected to increase substantially" from the levels of last year, it said.

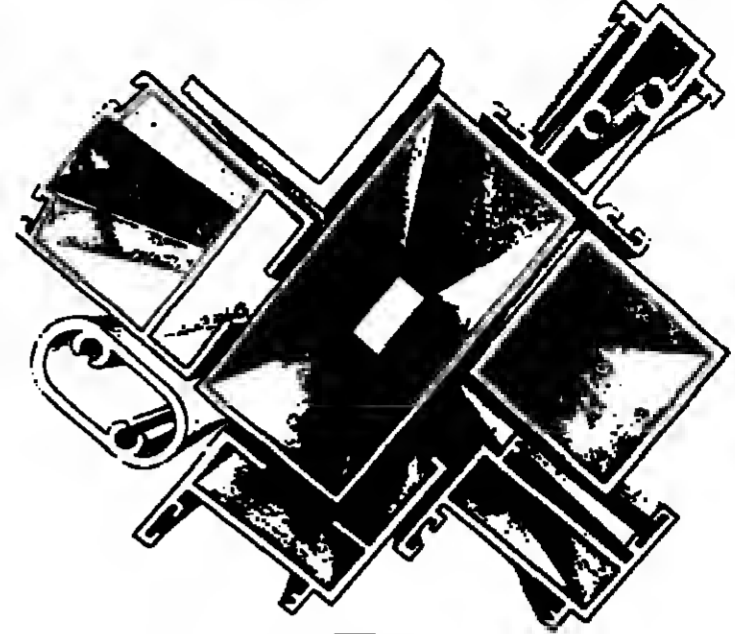
**Russia denies deal with South Africa**

LONDON, April 14 (R) — The Soviet news agency Tass has said that an allegation in a British television program that the Soviet Union and South Africa had signed a secret deal to control the world market in diamonds, gold and platinum was false.

The charge was made by the British Broadcasting Corporation program 'Panorama' last week. Tass said it was "quite simply a fabrication... in fact, these attempts to ascribe to the USSR mythical trade contacts with South Africa have not and cannot have any grounds." Panorama said the purpose of the alleged arrangements was to keep prices high.

Meanwhile, South Africa reaffirmed its importance as a supplier of minerals to the West Tuesday by releasing statistics showing the value of the country's mineral exports rose by 53.5 per cent in 1980 to 14,993 million rand (about \$20 billion).

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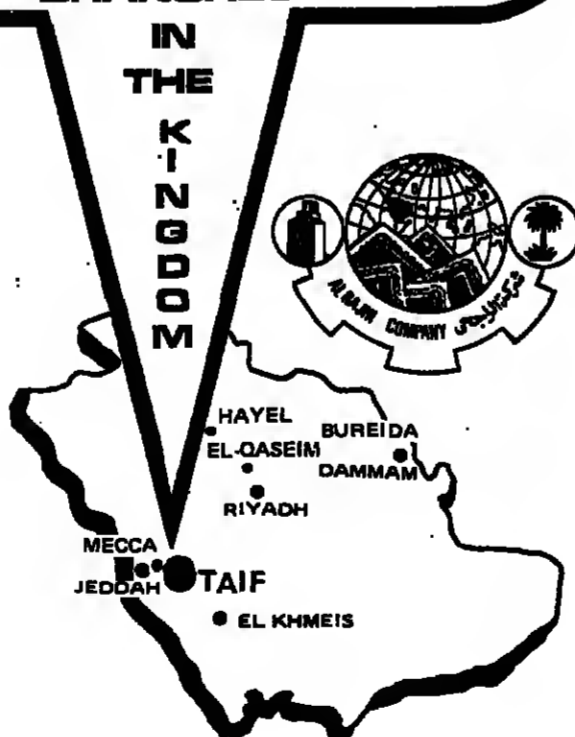
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# Alitalia Flights Disrupted

ROME, April 14 (R) — Italy's national airline Alitalia cut its regular flights by half today when pilots began a seven-day strike. The union demands a 100 per cent pay rise, a new ANPAC union, grouping most of Alitalia's 1,800 pilots, called the strike to press demands for a new labor contract and a doubling of salaries and benefits. The 350 of the pilots, whose action threatened to disrupt Easter holiday plans for thousands of travelers, were ordered to report for duty by government under a 1931 public safety law. ANPAC said it would fight the legal steps taken by the government. Pilots currently earn between 09 million and 36 million lira (\$19,000 and 36,000). They claim their incomes are less than what pilots earn in other West European countries. A federation which groups all the air transport autonomous unions was meeting later today to decide whether to take action in support of the pilots, union sources said. The federation said later it had decided to effect a program of staggered protesting with a strike until midnight Tuesday by flight engineers. Individual unions would decide on strikes during the week, involving ground staff, assistant traffic controllers and airport workers. An Alitalia spokesman said it was too soon to estimate the effect of the flight engineers' strike, but that the airline service of flights was so far operating normally. Portugal, meanwhile, public services seriously disrupted Tuesday by the start of a three-day strike called by the two unions, the Communist CGTP and the Democrat UGT.

## 'Big five' talks U.S. move to cut aid assailed

TOKYO, April 14 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's decision to reduce aid to international institutions helping developing countries was criticized at a weekend meeting of the 'big five' industrial powers. Japanese Finance Minister Michio Watanabe said Tuesday.

He told reporters the criticism was voiced when finance ministers of Japan, West Germany, France and Britain held secret talks with the United States in London but did not elaborate.

The Reagan administration has urged Congress to pass legislation authorizing the funding of multinational banks such as the World Bank and its soft-loan affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA). But the administration is seeking

## E. Berlin ready to boost ties with West

EAST BERLIN, April 14 (R) — East German Foreign Minister Oskar Fischer said East Germany is ready to expand political and economic links with all Western states despite current East-West tensions.

In a speech to the East German Communist Party's 10th congress in East Berlin Monday, Fischer said his government could never accept the idea that peaceful coexistence was "a fair weather policy." "It must and can prove itself in tense and indeed in dangerous times," he said.

East Germany was against confrontation and considered it vital that Eastern and Western states keep alive their bilateral ties in all fields, including political dialogue and economic links.

## Renault to buy 50% Dodge stocks

PARIS, April 14 (AFP) — Renault Vehicules Industriels (RVI) is to purchase 50 per cent of the capital of Dodge Great Britain and Dodge Spain from Peugeot S.A., the Peugeot group announced Tuesday.

The object was "to meet international competition in better circumstances," Peugeot said. RVI, whose annual turnover was some \$2.2 billion, would supervise the Dodge industrial and commercial activities in Europe representing an annual turnover of some \$400 million.

The two partners intended to reduce production costs "by volume effect" resulting from the adding together of 12,000 Dodge vehicles and 54,000 RVI trucks, buses and coaches per annum.

They planned to rationalize component parts and improve their use of human and industrial resources.

Commercially the aim is to develop sales and achieve increased density as regards sales outlets, Peugeot said.

In Europe, full use would be made of the complementary networks.

## End Concorde operations, says U.K. panel

LONDON, April 14 (AFP) — It would be cheaper to bring supersonic Concorde flights to an end than to keep the Anglo-French program going, the House of Commons Industry and Trade Committee said in a report Tuesday.

It urged that the cost to the taxpayer of continuing Concorde operations be reduced, or alternatively that the program be brought to an end "at the earliest possible date and certainly not later than 1985."

The report said the plane had cost £900 million since the project started in 1962. Further expenditure of £123 million was planned in the coming five years.

Britain had paid more into the program than France had, and the imbalance would worsen in years to come, the committee said. It urged that cost be met on a 50-50 basis.

The supersonic plane is operated by British Airways and Air France. Executives from British Airways told the committee they had increased their business on the north Atlantic route. But the committee cast "serious doubts" on the figures the airline put forward.

## Iraq gives \$372m contract to Japan

TOKYO, April 14 (AP) — A leading Japanese trading firm, Marubeni Corporation, said Tuesday it has signed a 80 billion yen (\$372 million) contract to build seven general hospitals in Iraq, which is at present at war with Iran.

"We have decided to receive the order because we believe the war will not affect the construction," Marubeni officials said.

Under the contract with the Iraqi Ministry of Housing and Construction, Taisei Corp. and Fujita Corp., both of Japan, will build a 400-bed hospital in each of Iraq's seven major cities — Dohok, Mosul, Kirkuk, Ramadi, Diwaniya, Kut and Samawa — by November, 1983, Marubeni officials said.

The contract is made on a U.S. dollar, Japanese yen and Iraqi dinar basis with cash payment, the officials said.

## Arab ministers to hold talks in Kuwait

KUWAIT, April 14 (AP) — A total of 21 Arab finance and economy ministers will meet in Kuwait April 21 in their capacity as governors of the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), a fund announcement said Tuesday.

The meeting will review the fund's annual financial report for 1980 and approve projects for the future, the announcement added.

## UAE approves \$6.6 billion budget

NICOSIA, April 14 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates cabinet has approved a 24 billion dirham (\$6.6 billion) state budget for the 1981 fiscal year, the Gulf News Agency reported. No specific allocations were given. Most of the budget revenues is expected to come from crude oil exports. UAE's income from oil reached 41 billion dirhams (\$11.4 billion) last year. Abu Dhabi, the largest member of the seven-state federation is also the largest oil producer and contributor to the federal budget.

## Financial Roundup Riyal rates firm after easing

JEDDAH, April 14 — The dollar recovered on the European exchange markets Tuesday after falling back slightly against the major European currencies in New York Monday night. The falls were not significant though and the dollar is still very firm against all currencies. Gold prices, which had taken a tumble in Europe Monday, firmed up in New York and continued to maintain the new higher levels in bullion trading in Europe.

In the local markets, riyal deposit rates mirrored the dollar's rate by easing slightly when the markets started operating. Local deposits, however, continued to remain relatively high given the still available liquidity situation of most banks in the Kingdom.

Interest rate factors still predominated the news. One more major U.S. bank raised its prime rate to 17 1/2 per cent from 17 per cent following Chase and Manufacturer's lead over the weekend. The major U.S. banks were half-hearted anyway in their conviction that, prior to this week, dollar interest rates would continue to ease. The latest money supply figures released Friday, which showed a large rise in the narrowly defined money base of \$3.2 billion, confirmed to these institutions that the federal reserve will opt for higher interest rate levels to combat inflation.

The Tuesday European afternoon trading levels are as follows. The pound was slightly up at 2.1740, the mark was still weak at 2.1660 levels, and the French franc was trading at 5.1090. The yen had not moved much since Monday to stand at 216.30 levels, but the Swiss franc had eased further to 1.9785 levels. Trading was described as hectic in Europe at one stage with dealers building "long" positions in dollars in expectations of further dollar strengthening.

On the domestic markets, there was some active trading around the 3,3510-15 levels, with some demand coming from Bahrain and later from some European banks in London and Frankfurt who deal in riyals on behalf of corporate customers with projects in the Kingdom. The Riyal at one stage opened at 15 1/4-16 1/4 BIBOR levels for the one month, but later eased to 15 1/4-15 1/2 per cent by late afternoon.

Again, as on Monday, most trading was still being carried out in the short dates. Gold again dominated the news and prices tumbled to 471.50 dollar levels in European closing before New York demand pushed it up to 478.0 dollar levels.

The European exchanges Tuesday saw that level sustained and dealers reported that at such "low" levels, some demand came from institutional investors as well as private individuals. Silver also firmed to \$11.10 levels after falling to \$10.50 per ounce Monday.

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Bahraini Dinar	—	8.60
Belgian Franc (1,000)	94.00	100.00
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20
Deutsche Mark (100)	154.00	156.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	139.00	141.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.25
French Franc (100)	65.00	67.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	40.40
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	32.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.40	—
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.42
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.18
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	71.00
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.23	7.35
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	158.85
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	38.15
Syrian Lira (100)	168.00	173.50
Swiss Franc (100)	—	55.40
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	86.50
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	73.45

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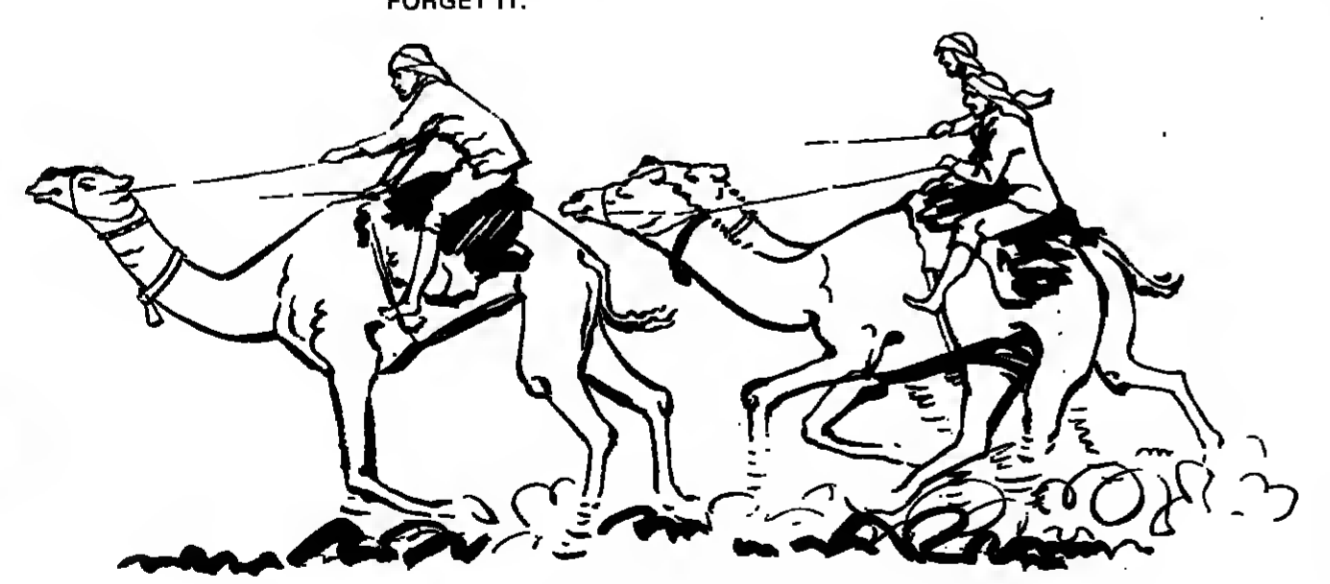
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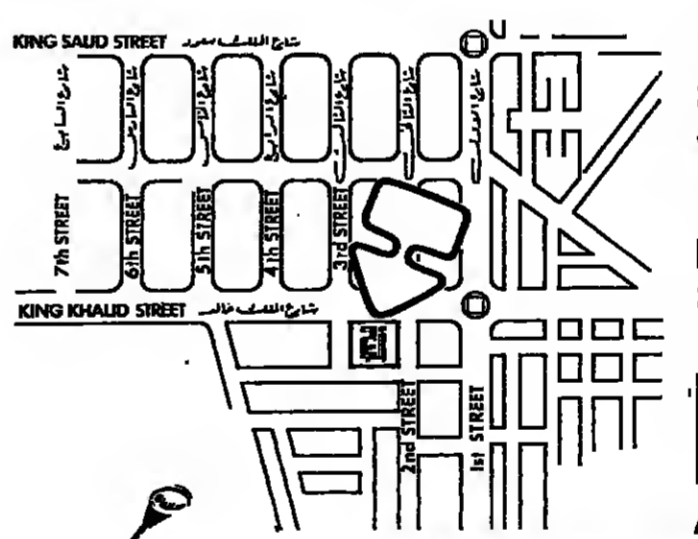
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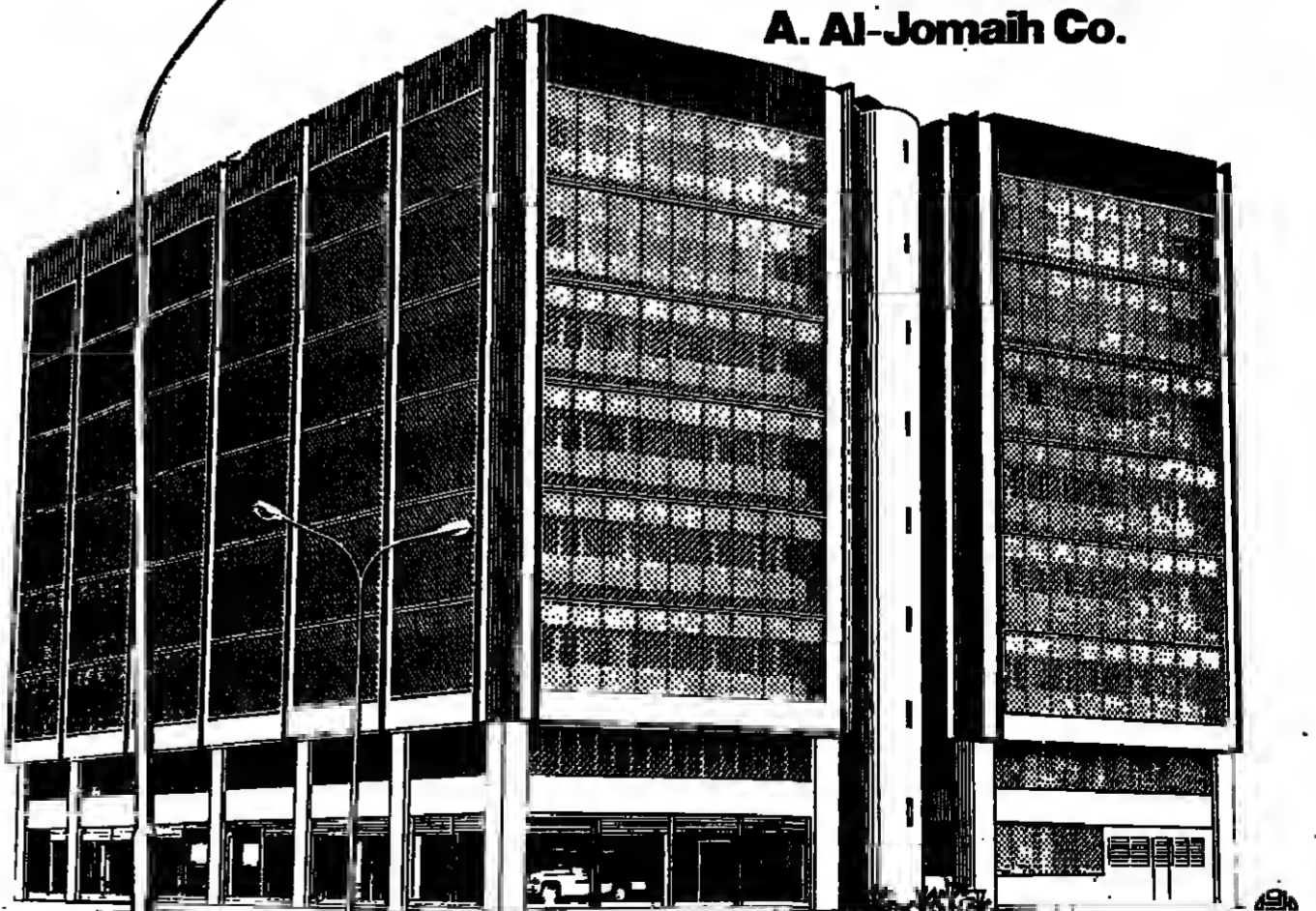
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**Astros crash to fourth defeat**

**Al Woods sparkles in Toronto's win**

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP) — Al Woods keyed Toronto's three-run fourth inning with a two-run single, and the Blue Jays kept their perfect record in home openers intact Monday by defeating the New York Yankees 5-1. The Blue Jays have not lost a home opener in their five-year history.

Jim Clancy survived a shaky first inning to

bases-loaded pinch single that scored two unearned runs and triggered a four-run ninth inning that lifted the Baltimore Orioles to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox. After being held to seven hits and one unearned by Boston rookie Steve Crawford, the Orioles loaded the bases in the ninth on Ken Singleton's double, a throwing error by shortstop Glenn Hoffman and pinch hitter Gary Roenicke's infield hit.

The Detroit-Kansas City game was rained out.

In the National League Steve Carlton, the 1980 Cy Young award winner, earned his first victory of the new season as the Philadelphia Phillies took their home opener 5-1 over the Pittsburgh Pirates before a crowd of 60,404. Carlton gave up nine hits, drove in a run and set up another with a single. He struck out five and walked one.

Atlanta rookie Rufino Linares, batting .067 with only a bunt single in 15 previous at-bats, stroked a two-out run-scoring single off Houston relief ace Joe Sambito in the top of the 10th inning to give the Braves a 2-1 victory and hand the defending National League champion Astros their fourth straight loss.

**Karpov leads**

MOSCOW, April 14 (AFP) — World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union had his match against Eugenio Torre of the Philippines adjourned in the seventh round of the International Chess Tournament here Monday. Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Results: Ulf Andersson (Sweden) drew Yuri Balachov (USSR), Vassili Smyslov (USSR) drew Garry Kasparov (USSR).

Lajos Portisch (Hungary) — Alexander Beliavski (USSR) and Eugenio Torre (Philippines) — Anatoly Karpov (USSR) — matches adjourned.



**JIM CLANCY...survives shaky start**

Tony Armas hit a tape-measure two-run homer off California rookie Luis Sanchez in the eighth inning to rally the unbeaten Oakland A's to a 3-2 victory, spoiling the Angels' home opener.

In late NL games, Johnny Bench powered a three-run homer and Dan Driessen and Ray Knight hit also solo shots as the Cincinnati Reds trimmed the San Diego Padres 7-1 and pinch hitter Jay Johnstone singled home the tie-breaking run for Los Angeles in a three-run fourth-inning rally that gave the unbeaten Dodgers a 4-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

**Mountjoy makes last eight**

SHEFFIELD, April 14 (AFP) — Doug Mountjoy of Wales reached the quarter-finals of the World Professional Snooker Championship for the second time by beating Australian champion Eddie Charlton 13-7 here Monday.

Leading 9-6 overnight, Mountjoy took four of the first five frames to beat the Australian who eliminated him from last year's event.

Canadian Bill Werbeniuk also reached the quarter-finals by completing a comfortable 13-5 win over South African champion Perri Mans.

Werbeniuk, 11-5 ahead overnight, took the two frames he needed with 45 of 34, 36 and 43. The Canadian took the winner of the match between former champions John Spencer and Ray Reardon of Britain.

Canadian Kirk Stevens suffered a narrow

**Botham optimistic England faces uphill task in final Test**

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 14 (AP) — England cricket captain Ian Botham said Monday that he can manage to draw the fifth and final Test match against the West Indies — despite a first innings deficit 157 runs.

The West Indies were all out for 442 in reply to England's 285 just before the close of the third day Monday. With two days remaining after Monday's rest, the odds are heavily in favor of the West Indies completing the series with a 3-0 advantage.

Botham said England would need to bat at least a day and a half to ensure safety. He said they batted better in each Test match and with the West Indies fast bowlers now tiring after the work they have to do in the series, he expected they would hold out.

"In addition, the pitch is still a good one," Botham said.

England have been outplayed in all four Tests so far, losing the first by an inning and 79 runs and the third by 198 runs. They held out for a draw in the fourth. The second, scheduled for Guyana, was cancelled after the government refused permission for England fast bowler Robin Jackson to play because of his contacts with South Africa where he had played and coached for the past 11 seasons.

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd said there

was enough time for his fast bowlers to complete his team's third victory in the series. "We only have to hope that the rain does not wash out any of the days left as it did in the last Test in Antigua," he said.

England batsmen Geoff Boycott and Rob and Butcher, neither of whom fielded on Sunday will both be fit enough to bat in England's second innings, Botham said. Boycott, recovering from a sore throat and Butcher, having treatment on a strained groin muscle.

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, who helped give his team its big lead with an inning of 95, said he thought his team had an excellent chance of winning the match.



**AL WOODS...keys a three-run fourth inning**

gain the victory, retiring 14 consecutive batters in one stretch. He limited the Yankees to four hits over 71-3 innings before being relieved by Roy Lee Jackson.

The Blue Jays, held to one single over the first three innings, finally got to Tommy John in the fourth. With one out, Lloyd Moseby singled and one out later John Mayberry walked. Otto Velez then doubled to left and woods followed with his two-run single. Toronto added two runs in the seventh on Alfredo Griffin's bloop triple.

In other American League action, Jose Morales grounded a tiebreaking two-out,

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# Asians given early jolt

SAD, Yugoslavia, April 14 (R) — hopes of supremacy were given an early jolt by the Europeans on the opening of the World Table Tennis Team Championships Tuesday.

Yugoslavia's Swaythling Cup, North Korea topped 5-1 by Poland in a first round match, and South Korea were beaten by England in Group 'A'.

Poland was restored when Japan thrashed 5-0 in Group 'A' while men's champions Hungary began with a convincing 5-2 victory against Italy.

Yong Ho gained North Korea's only win when he beat Stefan Dryszel 8-21, 22-20 to level the match against Poland. But Leszek Kucharski won both legs and wins for Andrzej Grubba and Lee Hee kept South Korea in contention winning both his singles to level the 2-2 against England, but Desmond won three games in convincing style for another European victory.

England No. 1 did not drop a solitary point against the best South Korea could

European champion John Hilton Day, cancelled out earlier defeats at the hands of South Korean No. 1 Park Lee to ensure a winning start for England.

Lee set wins in both singles for Seiji Oshiochi world champion, and Hiroyuki Abe on the basis of Japan's easy win over

### all playoffs soon

By a Staff Writer

JAH, April 14 — The undefeated Braves topped this year's local T-Ball standings, with only tiebreaker left before playoffs begin April 30.

The Braves in the eight-team league are the Pirates, with a 6-1-1 mark, coming in their clash with the Next in the league, which is open to six ages seven through 10, were the

getting ready for the tiebreakers, set in 25, are three teams, all with 4-4 records, the Tigers and the Colts. The standings were the 7, and the Rams, 0-8.

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5	5	1	0
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4	4	4	0
4	4	7	0
U	1	8	0



RECORD SPLASH: Ambrose 'Rowdy' Gaines of Auburn expresses his joy after setting a new world record timing of 49.36 for the 100 meters freestyle at Austin, Texas recently (AP photo)

## Borg bows to Pecci

MONTE CARLO, April 14 (AFP) — World No. 1 Bjorn Borg of Sweden crashed out of the \$250,000 Monte Carlo Tennis Open here Tuesday losing 2-6, 6-4, 5-7 to Victor Pecci of Paraguay in a first round tie.

The 26-year-old Pecci had Borg reeling from the start, winning seven games in a row before the number one seed reacted. Pecci, seeking to re-discover the form which took him to the final of the 1979 French Open when he lost to Borg in four sets, had three balls for a 5-4 lead in the second.

Borg, however went on to win the set 6-4, but it was clear he was still troubled by a shoulder injury.

The third and decisive set saw services dominate before Pecci finally broke to win 7-5.

It was the third successive tournament Borg has failed to win following his defeats by West German Rolf Gehring in Brussels and by arch-rival John McEnroe of the United States in the final of the Milan tournament.

Earlier, unseeded Jose Higueras of Spain topped fifth-seeded Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina in straight sets 7-6, 6-1.

In other first-round play, Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia fought from behind to win a hard-earned 3-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory over 1980 Wimbledon juniors champion Thierry Tulasne of France in a match that spanned two

bours and 19 minutes.

Higueras will now meet Buster Mottram of Britain in a second-round match. Mottram, a 25-year-old native of Wimbledon, easily eliminated Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland 6-2, 6-0. Mottram and Gunthardt are their nations' top players, ranked 47th and 39th respectively in the world.

## Ipswich determined to beat Aston Villa

BIRMINGHAM, England, April 14 (AP) — Aston Villa needs to defeat Ipswich Town Tuesday night to make virtually certain of winning the English First Division Soccer Championship for the first time in 70 years, while Ipswich must win to retain a chance of clinching the championship trophy it appeared to have all wrapped up a few weeks ago.

Victory would give Aston Villa a five point lead in the standings. If Ipswich wins it would close the gap to one point. Ipswich also has a game in hand.

Ipswich's dreams of a League, F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup treble were ended by Saturday's 1-0 F.A. Cup semifinal defeat by Manchester City. But striker Paul Mariner has vowed to forget the weekend's disappointments and wreck Villa's celebration plans.

"We must win at all costs, said the England international. "If we lost against Villa then we all know the title is beyond us. That thought alone is enough to motivate us." We haven't suddenly become a bad side. Saturday's defeat has just made us all the more determined."

Ipswich's long, hard season has paid havoc with the East Anglian club's recent form and Villa, which is expected to be cheered on by a sellout 48,000 crowd, will start a strong favorite.

Manager Ron Saunders was forced to delay his team selection because three players are suffering from niggling injuries.

Club captain Dennis Mortimer is suffering from a recurring groin strain, full back Colin Gibson has a swollen ankle and centerhalf Garry Williams, stand-in for suspended Allan Evans, is nursing a hamstring injury.

Saunders was also expected to make a late choice between David Geddis and Garry Shaw in the forward line. Geddis replaced out-of-form Shaw against West Bromwich last week.

Ipswich manager Bobby Robson has no major selection problems and is expected to stick with the 11 players that finished Satur-

day's match. Kevin Beattie is ruled out by a broken arm.

Meanwhile, president of the International Football Federation (FIFA), has denied allowing the North American Soccer League (NASL) to reinstate its variations on the laws of the game. FIFA announced Monday.

Havelange, who is currently in Monaco, denied reports from New York that he had personally authorized NASL to revert to its local rules on offside and substitutions.

In a statement FIFA said Havelange had not been in contact with NASL but with the U.S. Soccer Federation, which is affiliated to FIFA.

The U.S. Federation may submit, if it wis-

hes, a report on the subject to the FIFA executive committee in Madrid on May 7. "In the meantime the decisions made by FIFA (at its executive committee meeting last December) in Rome still stands."

In New York last week, NASL commissioner Phil Woosnam said Havelange had given permission for the League to revert to using up to three substitutes per game and to its 35-yard "offside line."

Just before the NASL season opened two weeks ago Woosnam ordered teams to drop the rule changes, in accordance with the FIFA ruling. He reversed this decision on the basis of a letter he said Havelange had written to the U.S. Soccer Federation last week.

### BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — Masood Ahmed of Pakistan and Rhonda Thorne of Australia won the third place play-off in the £30,000 Audi World Cup Squash Tournament at Woking Monday night defeating Jonnh Barrington of Ireland and Sue Cogswell of Great Britain 8-0. Barrington slumped badly against Ahmed going down 9-2, 9-4, 9-7 while Sue Cogswell completed a dismal season with a 9-7, 9-6, 9-5 defeat at the hands of Rhonda Thorne.

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — Canada chalked up their second straight win in the World Ice Hockey Championships defeating the Netherlands 8-1 in a Pool "B" match Monday. The period scores were 2-0, 2-0, 4-1.

BUENOS AIRES, (AP) — Nelson Piquet's overwhelming win in Sunday's Argentina Grand Prix has brought a flood of protests from Formula One car constructors. The 28-year-old Brazilian's victory has renewed his rivals' indignation about his Brabham T-49 with its controversial hydraulic suspension.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ohio, (AP) — The entry list for the May 24 Indianapolis 500 reached a record 104 cars Monday with six

more entries received by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Additional entries post-marked before last Friday's deadline will still be accepted. Four of the latest entries, including two cars for driver Jerry Karl will be powered by stock-block Chevrolet engines. They were entered by William Compton.

SION, Switzerland, (R) — Algeria beat Scotland 80-79 in a European Basketball Group 'C' championship Monday night. In their opening match, Portugal beat Iceland 94-91 in extra time. At full time the score was 84-84.

LE TOUQUET, North-East France, (AFP) — Falk Boden, of East Germany used the speed that has brought him three world titles, and a silver medal in last year's Olympic team time trial, to win the Prolong Time Trial that opened the Scapink International Cycle Race here Monday.

LOS ANGELES, California, (AP) — Seventh-seeded Terry Moor topped unseeded Butch Waltz 6-1, 7-5 to highlight first round play Monday in the \$75,000 Jack Kramer Open at the Los Angeles Tennis Club.

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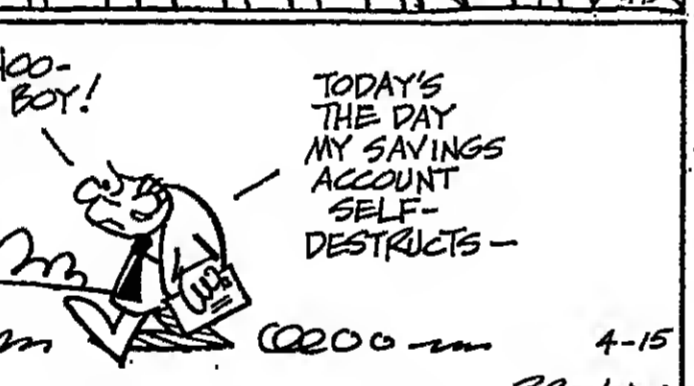
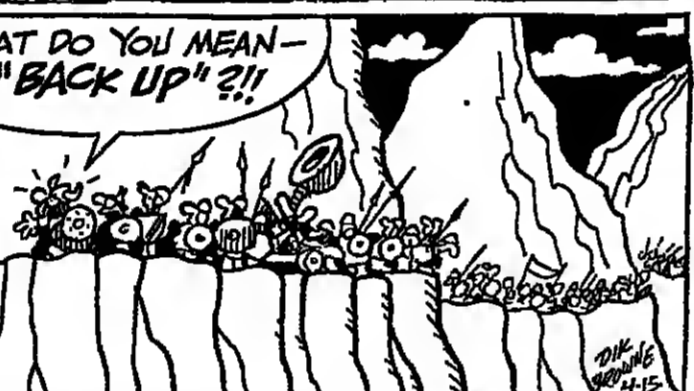
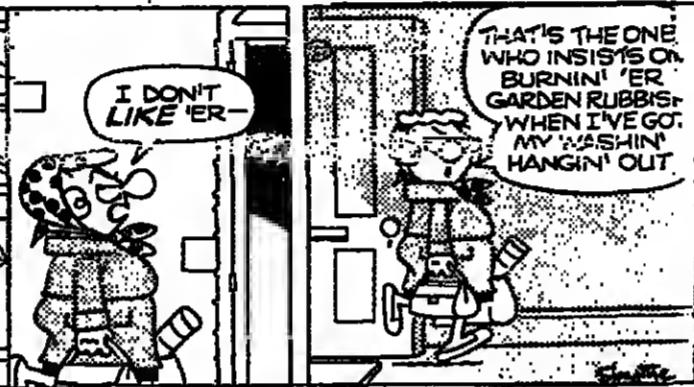
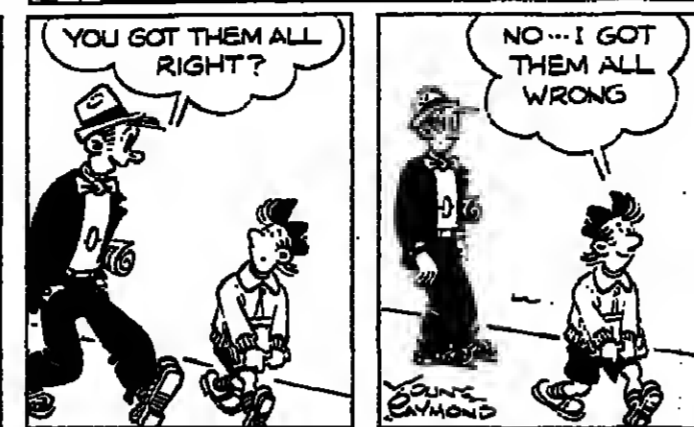
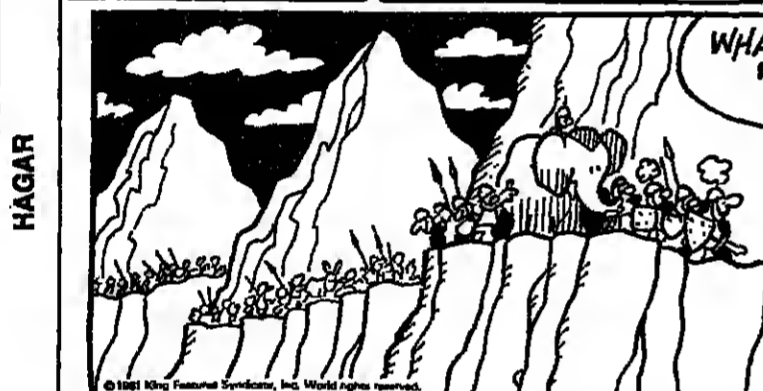
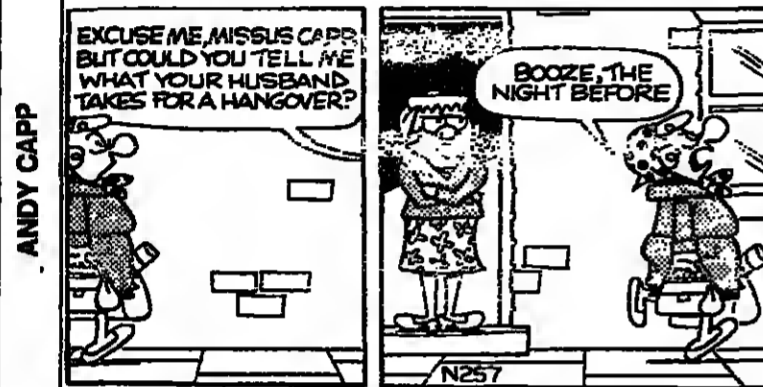
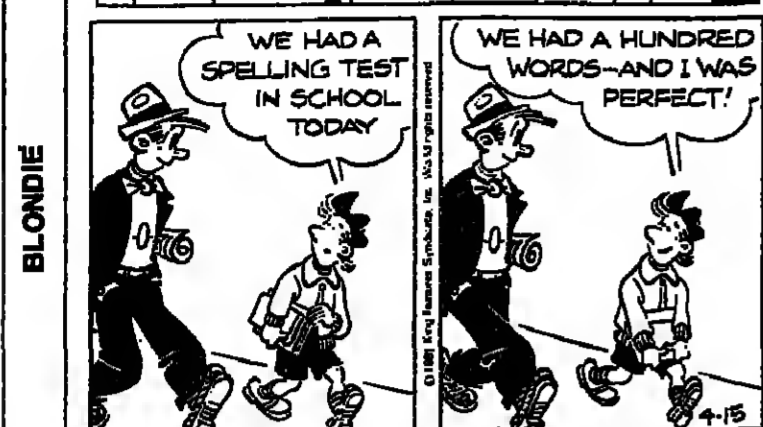
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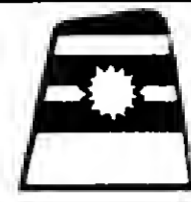
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America says:

## Troops near Poland return to barracks

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) — U.S. intelligence sources report the first general reduction in the readiness of Soviet troops in and around Poland since the crisis appeared headed for a military showdown in the past few weeks. Soviet and East German divisions that were deployed near the Polish frontier have, for the most part, returned to their normal garrison areas, the sources said. They regard as particularly significant a



"We've been drifting apart lately, Comrade."

noticeable relaxation of preparations taken by airborne divisions, as well as by tank and motorized infantry divisions, in the western Soviet military districts from which U.S. military analysts believe any Red Army move into Poland most likely would come.

The sources, asking to remain anonymous, reported a substantial reduction in the volume of operational radio message traffic between Soviet headquarters and communications centers in Legnica and Remberton, Poland. Activation of this radio network weeks ago helped trigger U.S. concern that a Soviet-led military thrust to quell unrest in Communist Poland was imminent.

The Polish independent union Solidarity's cancellation of a threatened general strike and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's low-key remarks about the Polish crisis a week ago did not immediately bring a military slowdown on the Soviet side.

In reporting the clear signs of a reduction of Soviet military preparations, U.S. intelligence analysts stressed that Soviet and Warsaw Pact units near Poland still are capable of mounting at least a limited operation. They said it appears the Soviet command will want to keep an operations staff in Poland indefinitely, and they noted that some Warsaw Pact air exercises are being conducted in Polish air space, though not at a worrisome level.

Some 55 troop-carrying helicopters sent into Poland from the western Soviet Union more than a week ago are still there, U.S. intelligence sources said. But this deployment was not followed with Soviet troops reinforcements for the two Russian divisions posted in Poland. These two divisions have been stationed in Poland for several years.

At its peak, the Soviet military preparations had brought 20 Russian divisions to peak combat readiness in western Russia. Another 10 to 20 divisions of the Russians, East German and Czech armies were said to have been available if the Soviet command had decided to settle the Polish question with military force like that staged against Czechoslovakia 13 years ago.

In Warsaw, Solidarity Tuesday quoted a senior government official as saying last week "serious and responsible" politicians in the Soviet bloc would oppose a military intervention in Poland. But the official also said that "pulling Poland out of the Warsaw Pact or a change in its political system by force" could prompt such a move. Solidarity's Warsaw chapter said in its daily news bulletin of Tuesday.

## Japan may protest ship sinking

TOKYO, April 14 (Agencies) — Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito said Tuesday Japan might lodge a diplomatic protest with the United States over last week's accidental sinking of a Japanese freighter by an American nuclear-powered submarine. Speaking during the second day of parliamentary questioning on the issue, he said the government will consider what it should do after bringing together statements by men at the scene and the report of the U.S. inquiry into the accident.

Meanwhile, Capt. Willis Rich, a staff officer at the U.S. Pacific submarine headquarters at Pearl Harbor, opened an official inquiry into the accident Tuesday at Yossosuka, headquarters of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Japan. He is expected to interview survivors from the freighter as well as the commanding officer of the submarine which is believed to be heading for Guam. Rich arrived here Monday.

The owner and crew members of the sunken Nisshu Maru will demand some \$2.8 million from the United States for the loss of the ship and two of its crewmen, lawyers for the owner said Tuesday.

Shunichi Tagawa, lawyer for the Kutsuna Shipping Co., said the firm will seek about \$1.87 million for loss of the ship and \$930,000 for the families of the captain and crewman missing and believed to have perished. He said the company will submit its demands to the U.S. government, presumably through the embassy in Tokyo, in a week or two.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said in a commentary that the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo had at first tried to blame the Soviet Union for the incident. The U.S. Navy had taken some 35 hours to report that one of its submarines had been in collision with the freighter as it passed through the East China Sea.

## Bangladesh hit by tornado; 61 die

DACCÁ, Bangladesh April 14 (AP) — At least 61 persons were killed and 4,000 others injured in Sunday night's tornado that battered large areas in the Noakhali district, 200 kms from Dacca, Noakhali officials said Tuesday. They said more than 100 others were reported missing, and that about 3,000 families in 17 villages were made homeless.

## Thatcher begins tour today

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Wednesday starts an 11-day visit to India and four Gulf states, with Afghanistan and the Middle East high among her concerns. On her most extensive foreign tour since she took office nearly two years ago, Mrs. Thatcher will spend four days in India and seven in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar.

Mrs. Thatcher will have several meetings with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The British Prime Minister is expected to use an address before the Indian parliament Thursday to stress that East-West detente will remain stalled until the Soviets withdraw their estimated 85,000 troops from Afghanistan.

Linked with Mrs. Thatcher's concern over Afghanistan are Indian fears that Britain might supply arms to Pakistan, where thousands of Afghan refugees have fled, and that Pakistani security may be threatened. India believes that any arms supplied Pakistan by Britain, or the United States as has recently been suggested, might one day be turned against India.

While Mrs. Thatcher has often lectured the Soviets for occupying Afghanistan, Mrs. Gandhi has taken the view that the region has become one of big power confrontation.

Mrs. Thatcher's swing through the Gulf states, the first ever by a British Prime Minister, will follow in about two weeks a trip to Saudi Arabia and three other Middle East states by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Haig came to London following his tour and differences in perceptions of the Middle East issue emerged. Britain feels the main threat to stability in the area is the Palestinian



PULITZER WINNER: This photo of several of the 13 members of old government of Liberia, executed on a beach in Monrovia in April 1980 after a military coup, won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for spot news photography for Larry C. Price of Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

## Algers venue for peace panel

### Bani-Sadr's position threatened

TEHRAN, April 14 (Agencies) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's position appeared increasingly threatened here Tuesday following the first meeting Monday of a commission to investigate disputes between moderates and religious fundamentalists. The president has been locked in a power struggle with Premier Muhammad Ali Rajai and supreme court chief Muhammad Beheshti. The rivalry has provoked numerous bloody clashes in recent months.

According to observers here, Hojatoleslam Madavi Kani will play a determining role in the commission's final decision. The two other members represent the opposing sides. Hojatoleslam Shoushadeh Eshragui speaking for Bani-Sadr and Hojatoleslam Muhammad Yazdi for the fundamentalists.

Meanwhile, former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotzadeh is attempting to form a new political party to counter what he describes as Communist efforts to edge moderates out of power. In Iran, the Kuwaiti daily *Al Siassa* reported Tuesday. Ghotzadeh said that Communist forces in Iran were using the fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party (IRP) to oust all moderates, such as Bani-Sadr, from power.

He claimed that Communist agents were paying out \$400,000 a week in Tehran alone to win influence and ultimately seize power. The former minister said that a strong reaction to Communist advances was developing in Iran, as people feared growing Communist infiltration of the IRP.

Meanwhile, the four-man peace mission from the nonaligned movement, which visited Iraq and Iran last week seeking ways to end the fighting between the two neighbors, will meet soon in Algiers to consider their next move. The Indian member of the team said in New Delhi Tuesday. Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao told reporters at Delhi airport that the mediators would meet Friday in the Algerian capital and would "work out the basis" for a second trip to Iran and Iraq.

## British MPs decide against expelling Sands

LONDON, April 14 (AP) — British parliamentary leaders, apparently prompted partly by fear of making a martyr, decided Monday night not to try to expel Irish guerrilla hunger striker Bobby Sands, elected to the House of Commons this week.

The decision came late Monday after lengthy consultation between the ruling Conservative Party's floor manager in the House of Commons, Francis Pym, and parliamentary leaders of the main other parties.

In a brief statement Monday night, Pym said: "These consultations have shown that it is the present general view of the House of Commons that no action should be taken." Sands, 27, serving a 14-year term in northern Ireland's Maze prison imposed after a gunbattle with police, stopped eating March 1. His condition is expected to become critical in about 12 days.

In what was regarded as a propaganda victory for the outlawed Irish Republican Army, Sands was elected to the House of Commons last Friday from Northern Ireland's Fermanagh and South Tyrone district, defeating a Protestant hard-liner in a bizarre poll. His

## Rumors fl on Charle Canberra

WAR COMMUNIQUE: Iranian and Iraqi forces fought a battle along the 300-mile front of the Mountains in the north to the edge of the Gulf in the south. Tuesday was the 21st day of the war which broke out on Sept. 22, 1980, with no end to the fighting in sight.

Iran's official news agency, Pars, said Iranian forces killed 43 Iraqis in the fighting Monday, mostly in the Khuzistan province. Pars also carried a separate communique from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard-Corps, a paramilitary force, claiming the Islamic revolutionaries killed 105 Iraqis and wounded others in 24 hours.

War communiques carried by the media of both combatants carried reports of commando raids, heavy gunfire, shelling and a sea battle in the northernmost corner of the Gulf. An Iraqi war communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio claimed Iraqi troops killed 42 Iranian soldiers in 24 hours, while losing 13 in the same period. The communique also said Iraqi positions spotted an Iranian "naval target" at Khor Abdallah in the Gulf and dealt with it swiftly, sinking it.

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## Basque gunmen kill retired army officer

BILBAO, Spain, April 14 (AP) — Gunmen shot and killed a retired major of the civil guard Tuesday, hours after another retired officer was also killed in San Sebastian. Police, who believed the gunmen were Basque separatists, said Luis Cadalso San Juan, 68, was killed outside a church at Bessauri, near Bilbao, by a young man and woman. He was hit by a bullet in the neck.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

problem and Israeli-Arab animosity Haig gave priority to the Soviet threat to the area and indicated this must be eliminated before there is a chance for lasting peace.

Mrs. Thatcher is also expected to promote the 10-nation European Common Market Middle East peace initiative, calling for involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) after it agrees to security of Israel.

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### Deputies

"moves to internationalize" the Lebanon problem after the bloody confrontation this month between the Syrians and Lebanon's rightwing forces.

The Nationalist-Palestinian move came as the U.N. Security Council began informal consultations in New York at the request of the United States and France on how to restore peace to this Mediterranean country locked in a showdown with the Phalange party over control of the city of Zahle, 48 kms east of Beirut.

"We are sitting on top of a volcano", warned the Phalangists' top military commander Bachir Gemayel about the wobbly six-day-old ceasefire that batted the Syrian-Rightist clashes in Zahle and along Beirut's Green line that bisects the Lebanese capital into east and west.

The Lebanese police said 265 civilians were killed and about 1,000 wounded in the eight-day confrontation in both cities. The rightists said the figures were considerably bigger but nationalist spokesmen claim the rightists were exaggerating the figures to win world sympathy.

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